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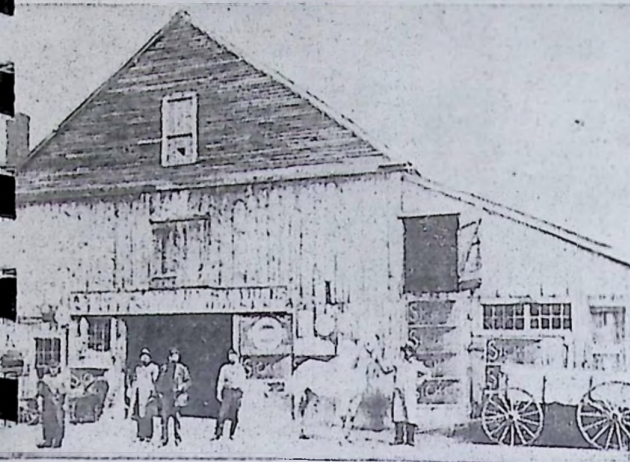
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SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 1954



THERE WAS ONE of the busiest spots in the city way back when the automobile was a rare item. The A. S. Hamilton livery stable on Washington street was just as busy as any garage of today and was also a meeting place for many of the boys to talk over activities of the day. The stable was torn down in later years and was replaced by the present Paquin block.

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Tuesday, February 8, 1955

Dane Yorke Introduces Series Of Council Talks On Biddeford History

Interesting dates in the history of Biddeford will be the subject of a series of talks arranged for meetings of the City council during this, the centennial year, as our city government arranges special observances to mark the 100th anniversary of the granting of a charter as an incorporated city.

Dane Yorke, librarian at the McArthur Library, will give a series of talks to members of the city government on dates and events of special significance to the city. His first talk was given Monday night at the February meeting. He will speak at the March meeting on other historic events pertaining to our city.

Mr. Yorke spoke Monday night on interesting February dates in Biddeford history. He said:

Just 325 years ago this month there was signed by our English gentlemen, an elaborately handwritten parchment scroll. That document was probably signed in a room of the fort guarding the Plymouth Harbor in Devonshire, England, where Sir Ferdinando Gorges, one of the signers, was then commander. That ancient parchment and its signing are interesting to us today because the legal phrases conveyed all the land that we now call Biddeford, in Maine, to Captain Richard Vines, an English sea-captain, explorer, and fur trader, and the man who began, and carried out, the permanent settlement of Biddeford.

Calendar Change
That ancient land grant to Richard Vines gives the date of its signing and sealing as "the twelfth day of February, Anno Domini 1629." But that

date would be written differently today. For one thing, in the time of Richard Vines, the new year began on March 25th, instead of January 1st, as now, and so February in 1629 was really February, 1630, to us. Further, between the calendar used in Vines' day and the one we use now, there is a difference of a full eleven days. So by our modern calendar the actual date of what we might call the first Biddeford land deed was February 23rd, in the year 1630—exactly three and a quarter centuries ago.

Incidentally, again by our modern calendar, it was in July of that same year, 1630, that Captain Richard Vines took possession of his land here, and with his settlers began building the first houses in Biddeford. They were not log cabins, by the way, but actual frame houses (the boards and planks saved out by hand) such as Captain Vines and his settlers had left behind when they sailed from England.

The signing of the Vines land grant is the first notable

February date we celebrate this year. The second date came 225 years later when Maine's Governor Anson P. Morrill on February 1st, 1855, signed the legislative bill granting Biddeford a city charter. But that charter did not go into effect with the governor's signing. It first had to be accepted by the people of Biddeford—which meant a special referendum election.

Today we speak of the old "horse and buggy days" as something that was pretty slow-moving, and it is true that in 1855 people were still riding stage coaches to Buxton, Bar Mills, Limerick, Fryeburg—and even to Old Orchard. But horse and buggy or stagecoach, the men of Biddeford in 1855 moved with surprisingly modern speed in acting on that city charter. The governor signed the bill on a Thursday, the news reached Biddeford on Friday, and by Saturday afternoon the notices were up calling for a special town meeting the following week. One of the three selectmen who moved so quickly was Barnabas E. Cutter, a prominent brick mason and contractor who helped build the Pepperell Mills and the Hotel Thacher. Another was Cyrus Gordon who lived on the Hollis Road and who was later the third mayor of Biddeford. The last selectman was William H. Smith whose large general store and hall stood at the corner of Smith and Elm streets. It was Smith, or his family, by the way, whose name is still born by that section we call Smith's Corner.

Just one week after the notices were posted, the special referendum election was held. At that time there stood on the site of the present City Building a large frame

block, three stories high, known as Central Block, built in 1819. It was the biggest commercial building in Biddeford. It had a curved front to match the curved front of the Biddeford House (now the Hotel Thacher), and the street space between the two buildings was a market square, called York Square—the scene of many rallies, serenades and band concerts. The ground floor of Central Block was taken up by about eight stores and a newspaper office. On the second floor were offices and a photographer's shop. The third floor held two halls, the smaller (called Beethoven Hall) holding about 300 people and the larger (Central Hall) holding about 1500 people.

It was in this large hall, Central Hall, that all town elections had been held since 1851. And the special referendum election on the new charter was also held there on Saturday, February 10th, 1855. Under the town form of Government, that was the only voting place in the whole 30 square miles of Biddeford. And it is significant that although the polls did not open until 1 p. m. that Saturday afternoon, and closed at 4 p. m.—it is significant of the interest felt by the people that in those three hours more than half of all

the eligible voters in the whole of Biddeford made the journey to Central Block, and climbed the stairs to Central Hall (on the third floor) to vote. They voted by ballot and the old town records give an amusing hint of how those ballots were made out. Here is the way the old record reads:

"Whole number of votes given in was 777.

"The number having the word 'yes' on them was 697.

"The number having the word 'no' on them was 80.

Thus the voters of Biddeford gave an overwhelming approval to the new charter on that Saturday afternoon, February 10, 1855.

But there was still more to do in that eventful February, a century ago. The town had adopted a city charter, and that charter completely overturned the old system of voting that had prevailed for more than 200 years. There had been only the one voting place for the whole of Biddeford, and now there were to be SEVEN voting places; they must be chosen to best suit the convenience of the people. And all this must be done quickly, to allow the first city election to be held on the second Monday of March as prescribed by the new charter.

Today we take our seven wards for granted—as something that, so far as we are concerned, must have just grown. But they did not just grow. They were carefully and thoughtfully worked out by the men of 1855 who had never before thought in terms of wards, nor the population and other problems they presented. And once more it speaks well for the men of those horse and buggy days a century ago, that in just a little over two weeks after the referendum election, the Boston hospital Wednesday afternoon three Biddeford selectmen—Cyrus Gordon, Barnabas Cutter, and William Smith—had solved all the new puzzles, conflicting claims, and rival interests of ward division. Moreover they did it so speedily that as early as Tuesday, February 27th, 1855 they published the definite ward boundaries of Biddeford's new voting divisions.

Those selectmen of 1855 have long since gone to their eternal rest, but their work still endures. For the boundaries of the seven wards of Biddeford that they laid down, are substantially the same boundaries we use today—a full century later. It is well for us to remember, and to honor, those men of 1855. They thought, and worked well, for Biddeford.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1961

Dr. Donald Small, Ex-MDA Head, Dies In Boston

KENNEBUNKPORT — Dr. Donald Meeds Small, 75, a former president of the Maine

Dental Association, died in a brief illness. He had retired Jan. 1 after more than 52 years of service.

Earlier this year, he had been elected president of the Ocean National Bank at Kennebunk, having served several years a vice president. He retired when he became ill.

Dr. Small had been honored by county, state and national dental associations for his long service and was known as "Don" to countless summer and year round residents.

A Biddeford native, he was born Dec. 17, 1885, son of Joseph and Lucette Meeds Small. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1908 and was a former trustee of that institution.

Dr. Small was a member of the First Parish Congregational (Unitarian) Church of Kennebunk, Murray Chapter, St. Armand's Commandery, Kora Shrine, Myrtle Lodge, IOOF, Madonna Chapter, O.E.S., the Webhannet Golf Club, and the York County Fish and Game Association.

He was a charter member and first president of the Kennebunk Rotary Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Mortley Small; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Fessenden, of West Acton, Mass.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Journal Established 70 Years Ago Today

The Biddeford Journal, York County's only daily newspaper, is observing its 70th anniversary today. It was 70 years ago on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1884, that the first issue of the Daily Journal was published.

The founder of the paper was the late Charles H. Prescott, who at the same period was proprietor of the Biddeford Weekly Journal. The daily publication was his idea and he is credited with being the man who established the enterprise that has proven so successful in the past 70 years.

Prescott was sole owner of the paper for nearly four decades and was president of the Journal Publishing Corporation at the time of his death, Dec. 19, 1923. Mrs. Ellen H. Prescott was associated with her husband in conducting the paper for many years.

The real significance of this anniversary appears to lie in the fact that this newspaper lived and prospered and has become one of the few publications of its kind that has survived over such a lengthy period with success.

At the time the first Biddeford Daily Journal made its appearance here the city had another daily, the Biddeford Daily Times, published by the late Andrew Small. It was not all clear sailing for the new daily newspaper and its young publisher. But through the personal attention of Prescott, seconded by the efforts of Mrs. Prescott, the venture prospered and the circulation and revenue of the new daily steadily increased.

During the 70 years the Journal has been in existence the publication has only twice changed its headquarters. The paper was first published in the Savings Bank building on Main street, the present site of the W. E. Youland company. When the quarters became too small in 1891 the plant was moved to the old Quimby and Sweetser block near the corner of Main and Lincoln streets, the site of the present First National bank.

This location served the needs of the paper for a time but growing business and need of more floor space made it necessary to seek larger quarters. It was in 1906 that the Journal building on Adams street, the present headquarters of the paper, was erected by Prescott.

The mechanical equipment of the paper has matched strides with its housing facilities. Back at the beginning, 70 years ago, all composition was done by hand, six girls doing the work. The first press installed in the plant was a cylindrical affair into which sheets of paper were fed by hand. In January, 1895, two Thorne typesetting machines were substituted for the hand compositors. These were later superseded by three linotype machines which were placed in operation Aug. 22, 1903.

Later, other types of machin-

ery were added and now six linotypes are in operation. The original press gave way in 1897 to a Cox Duplex press, which was placed in operation on Nov. 8 of that year. Since that time the press had been superseded by still later and more efficient models.

During the 70 years the Daily Journal has been published it has had but five editorial writers. Edward M. Yates, Old Orchard Beach, the first, held the post until 1894. He was succeeded by his son, Edgar Yates, who held the editorship for the following six years. The third chief of the editorial staff was the late Robert Fulton Wormwood, who occupied the position for over 40 years prior to retiring. His successor was Harry Phillips. The present editor is Timothy J. Mahoney, who started with the Journal. Miss Theresa Neary, Sidney Folsom, Collamer Abbott, Bruce Clark, Dwight Sargent, present chief editorial writer of the Portland Press Herald, and the Portland Press Herald; Richard Hight, John Coughlin, Frank Bogle.

Former telegraph editors were Everard Gove and Albert O. Howard.

Succeeding Prescott as publisher was the Julius Matthews agency with Matthews serving as treasurer and publisher. Following Matthews' death the concern has operated under the title of the Journal Publishing corporation. Leo Joncas, who first became affiliated with the Journal as a member of the business office staff, later succeeding Albert Spendlove as general manager, is the present publisher.

Included in those having filled the office of manager of the business affairs besides Spendlove were the late William Kilmer, James A. Cook and George W. Bridgman.

The following have served the paper in the business office down through the years: Dennis Murphy, James E. Hewey, Eugene F. Lord, J. Sigismund Guerin, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Miss Rena Paraday, Mrs. Margaret (Tighe) Villandry, Leo Joncas, Miss Anna Donahue, Mrs. Anne (Regina) Newman, Mrs. Irene (Belisle) Myrke, Mrs. Theresa (Berthiaume) Cote, Edward Levesque, Mrs. Constance (Lemire) Clark, Miss Mary Upham, Mrs. Julia (Hickey) Paradis, Mrs. Yolande (Lessard) Laverriere, Mrs. Violet (Desmarais) Masse, Miss Barbara Gaulin, Emelien Belerose, Miss Paulette Bouchard.

During the long period of its publication the paper has been distributed by thousands of newsboys. Manuel Rosenbaum, who recently retired from such a business after selling Journals about the streets of the city for 45 years, is credited with having handled and sold more papers than any other member of this group since the paper was founded.

The present personnel of the

Journal, Leo Joncas, publisher; Timothy J. Mahoney, editor; Elston Ingalls, city editor; Miss Anne Casavant, social reporter; George Dodds, telegraph editor; Mrs. Madelene Davenport, librarian and proofreader; Paul Casavant, advertising solicitor; Alfred H. Stimpson, circulation manager; Ted Dyer, photographer and reporter; Samuel Lublinsky, reporter; Mrs. Joan Whitten, secretary to Joncas.

Harry Horsfield, superintendent of linotypes, Elrod and operators; Joseph U. Bouchard, superintendent of hand compositors. Ludlow, press room and makeup; linotype operators, Mrs. Elizabeth Doe, Mrs. Irene Clark, Miss Rhoda Kimball, Miss Sara Gallagher, Urbain Langelier; advertising compositors, Albert Cyr, John Gleason, John Cowgill, Paul Murphy, Oscar Normand; Roy Kimball, press room foreman; Jean Masse, assistant; Bernard Masse and Reynald St. Ours; mailing department, John Zimnicki; delivery, Carleton Driscoll and James Donahue.

Business Office—Miss Anna Donahue, manager and cashier; Miss Lorraine Nadeau, Miss Therese Agnew and Miss Catherine McNery, clerks.

Within the past two years a Fairchild scanograph, one of the most modern types of equipment, has been installed in the engraving department.

JULY 1, 1953

Journal, Friday, October 26, 1956

Briefs Mrs. Charles Innes Dies At Age Of 86

Mrs. Charles L. Innes, 86, widow of Charles H. Innes, Saco, a former Maine State Highway commission chairman, and life long Biddeford and Saco resident, died Thursday afternoon at a Kennebunk convalescent home after a short illness.

Mrs. Innes, a native of this city, was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Lowell) Sawyer. She was graduated from local public schools and Biddeford high school in the class of 1887. She was one of the oldest members of the Biddeford High School Alumni association. She was also a member of the Thursday club for many years.

She is survived by her son, Lowell Innes, headmaster of Shady Side academy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; her sister, Mrs. Isabel H. Fenderson, Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Announcement of funeral services will be made later. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Saco Postman Ends Duty



William E. C. Haase of 11 School street, Saco, hangs up his bag for the last time Tuesday at the Saco post office as he ends 43½ years of service as a letter carrier. Haase figured that he walked at least 240,000 miles during his career. He's going to relax for a while then take another job to keep busy.



CELEBRATING their golden wedding anniversary today are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Harmon, 36 Orchard street. The Harmones were feted at their home by relatives and friends. Opening one of the many congratulatory messages are the guests of honor. Married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Atkinson, Pool street, by the Rev. Willis M. Davis, the couple have continued to reside here. Both are active in civic and religious circles. Highlights will be an informal reception during the day and a buffet dinner in the evening at their home. They have a son, Carlyle H. Harmon, a daughter, Mrs. Paul Woodman, and three grandchildren, Melville, Harmon and Faith Woodman. Assisting Mrs. Woodman with table appointments and arrangements is Miss Gertrude Atkinson.

Ernest Harmon's Quietly Observe Golden Wedding

Candelabra used at the wedding party 50 years ago will be lighted again this evening as Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Harmon, 36 Orchard street, quietly observe their golden wedding anniversary at their residence. On Dec. 18, 1906, they were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Atkinson, Pool street. During the day the gifts of gold and flowers will be on display at an informal reception of visitors and family members. In the evening a buffet dinner will be served with Mrs. Paul Woodman, their daughter, in charge of table appointments and dipping punch. Assisting will be Miss Gertrude Atkinson. Mrs. Harmon will cut the anniversary

cake which was made by Mrs. Woodman. Attending the anniversary dinner will be Carlyle H. Harmon, their son; Mrs. Paul Woodman, their daughter, her husband, Paul Woodman, and two children, Harmon and Faith; Miss Gertrude Atkinson, Miss Violet Atkinson, (Miss Beatrice Atkinson, sisters of Mrs. Harmon; Mrs. Helen Atkinson and daughters, Jane and Nancy; Mrs. Dorothy Atkinson. A grandson, Melville Woodman, now serving with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean, sent congratulatory messages. Mrs. Harmon, the former Emily Atkinson, was a graduate of Biddeford high school in 1900. She taught school in the 3rd and 4th grades of the Birch street school for six years before marriage. She has been active in church and club work. She is a member of the Biddeford United Baptist church, of the Philathea class, the Thursday club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Pioneer Auto Dealer
Harmon, a life-long resident of this city, also taught school after completing his education in the local schools. He was principal of the Summer street grammar school until he became a pioneer automobile dealer in this city. In 1909 he entered the automobile business on Washington street at a time when the horseless carriage was more or less of a novelty. His first dealership was with the Dodge company and he is credited with selling the first Dodge ever sold in York county. It was during the Hoover administration that he served as postmaster of this city. In 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he was appointed chairman of the Rationing Board of the O. P. A. locally. He organized the ration program with offices at his home first, then moving to quarters at the top of York hill. Saco, as the program expanded He set up the sugar rationing program first, then became head of the tire and gasoline divisions which served this city, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Kennebunkport. He appointed panels for this work and channeled funds when they began to arrive over a year later to carry on the vital government project. He retired from active work 13 years ago but has devoted himself to writing. In 1931 he was the author of a series, "Recollection of Pioneer Days in Biddeford Auto Industry," printed in the Journal with his own byline on the articles. At present he is working on a manuscript which will become the fiction book entitled "The Die Hards," featuring the transition period from horse and buggy days to the horseless carriage era. He is a member of the Biddeford United Baptist church, Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., and the Order of the Eastern Star. In addition to the Orchard street residence, which was designed by the Harmones and is one of the earliest homes built in that section, they also have a summer home at Fortunes Rocks.

Tuesday, September 4, 1956
Rites Wednesday For Philip H. Bridger
Funeral services are to be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 from St. Ann Episcopal church, Kennebunkport, for Philip H. Bridger, 48, former proprietor of the Hotel Thacher, who died suddenly in Boynton, Fla. He was born in Portland, the son of Felix and Flora (McDonald) Bridger and attended local schools, Phillips-Exeter academy and Yale university. Upon the retirement of his father, he took over duties as proprietor of the Hotel Thacher until about eight years ago. Since that time he had operated the Sea View Park motel in Boynton, Fla. He was a past master of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., and a past exalted ruler of the Biddeford lodge of Elks. Surviving are his widow, Florence (Harmon) Bridger and one daughter, Sally H. Bridger, Boynton, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis

Leathers, Kennebunkport. Rev. Dean Emerson will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Arundel cemetery. Friends may call this evening at the Bibber funeral home, Kennebunkport.

TO CONDUCT RITES
Members of Biddeford-Saco lodge of Elks will meet at the Bibber funeral home, Maine street, Kennebunkport, this evening at 8 to conduct memorial ritualistic services for Philip Bridger, a past exalted ruler of the lodge, and a former resident of this city.

Friday, November 23, 1956

Mrs. Ward Clarke Dies At Age Of 95

Mrs. Annie (Barber) Clarke, wife of Rev. Ward R. Clarke, former pastor of the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco, died Tuesday at an Arlington, Mass., rest home. She was 95 years of age. A member of the first graduating class of Radcliffe college, Mrs. Clarke resided in Saco for about 31 years while her husband held the pastorate in that community. Surviving besides the Rev. Mr. Clarke is one son, Henry Clarke, professor of music at the University of California.

Journal, Monday, June 3, 1957

Walter S. Thom Dies At Age Of 81

Walter Scott Thom, 425 Main street, Saco, died at a Saco hospital Sunday evening at the age of 81. He was born in Salisbury, N. B. For many years he was a member of the Metropolitan Police Force in Boston. Since making Force in Boston. Since moving to Saco, 32 years ago, he assisted his wife, Mrs. Thom, in the florist business. He was a member of Saco Lodge, F and AM. Surviving is his widow, Vivian (Ames) Thom. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday evening.

Journal, Thursday, June 6, 1957

WALTER S. THOM
Funeral services for Walter Scott Thom, Saco, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco. Rev. Norman P. Langmaid, of the Saco School street Methodist church, officiated. Bearers were members of the Saco lodge, F. and A. M. and included, Lester Pray, Carlton Lamb, George Hill, Atty. Philip Graves, Nicholas Scontras and Paul Lonsdale. Interment was in Laurel hill cemetery, Saco.

Monday, December 24, 1956

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. J. Harry Seidel

Mrs. Elizabeth Gertrude Seidel, 84, of 22 May street, widow of J. Harry Seidel, operator of a Main street drug store for many years, one of the oldest and most active members of St. Mary church, died at a local hospital Sunday afternoon after a lengthy illness.

A native of South Boston, Mass., the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Stone) Gibbons, she was a graduate of local schools. She studied voice and was one of the leading vocalists of the two cities. For many years, she was featured as a soloist of musical programs presented in the two cities, Portland, and other western Maine communities. She was a member of the St. Mary church senior choir for over 68 years and during a part of that period served as director of the choral unit. She and her late husband also formed the choir at Most Holy Trinity church about 20 years ago. She was a pupil for some years of Professor Louis Schalk, Boston's voice instructor.

She never missed singing at St. Mary church Christmas eve midnight mass for 71 years.

Besides being one of the oldest members of the Assumption sodality of St. Mary parish, she was a member of the Thursday club, the Rossini club of Portland, the former Maine Music Chorus festival, the former U. S. Chorus festival, the former U. S. Grant Women's Relief corps, of this city, and other organizations.

Surviving relatives are three daughters, the Misses Elizabeth G. and Josephine E. Seidel and Mrs. Oscar W. Perrault; two sons, Dr. John C. Seidel, Portland, and Dr. Albion R. Seidel, New York city; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at her home, 22 May street, prior to services Wednesday morning at 9 at St. Mary church.

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Herald, Tuesday, June 4, 1957

WALTER S. THOM

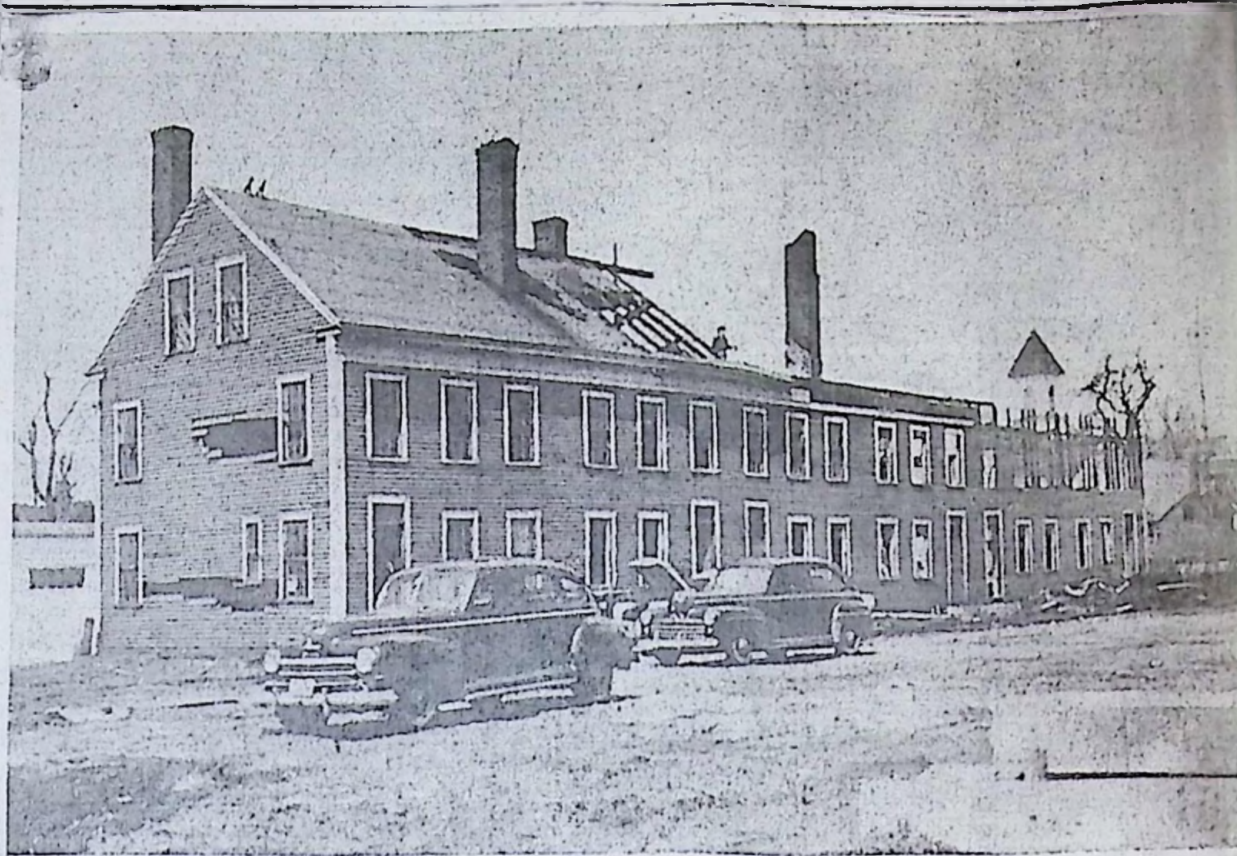
SACO, June 3 — Walter Scott Thom, 81, a resident of 425 Main St., died at a local hospital Sunday evening, following a long illness.

He was born in Salisbury, N. B., May 25, 1876. For many years he served as a member of the Metropolitan Police in Boston. He came to this city 32 years ago and has assisted his wife in the operation of the Thom Flower Shop. He was a member of the Saco Lodge, F. and A. M.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vivian Ames Thom.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Maine St. Interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1956



ADDITIONAL parking space for customers of Bagley's Market, Saco, will result when this building is completely torn down. It is located next

to the super market's present parking lot and will be ready for use in the near future.

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 1955



Robert H. Gay

Robert Gay Gets Birthday Message From Eisenhower

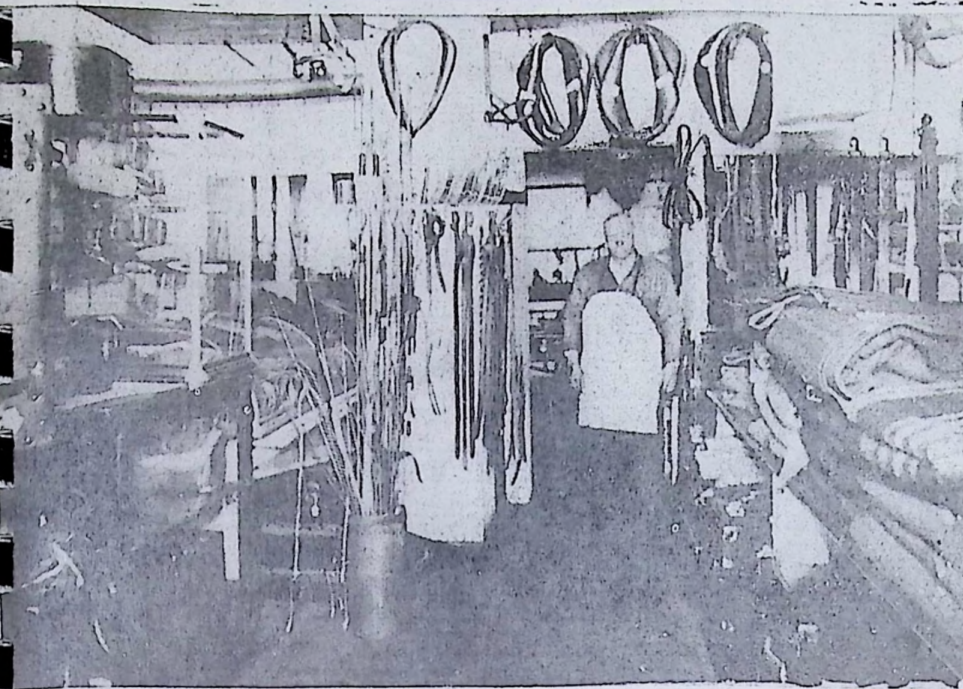
Birthday greetings from President Eisenhower were received by Robert Henry Gay, one of Biddeford's oldest residents, who is celebrating his 90th birthday today at his home, 303 Pool road.

He is shown above looking at an ancient Bible brought by Sir Robert Jordan, an Episcopal clergyman, to Richmond Island, near Falmouth in 1640, now in Mr. Gay's possession. It is the New Testament or King James version and was printed in England around 1630. The Bible is to be loaned to the McArthur Library in memory of Mrs. Ruth Marr Gay. It is being loaned by Gay, Miss Dorothy Sparke and her sister, Mrs. C. M. Byroad, Glendale, Calif., whose stepfather, James E. Holbrook, brought the Bible from Maine when he moved to San Pedro, Calif., some 25 years ago.

The Bible was purchased by Carl W. Marr, Burbank, Calif., from Miss Sparks and Mrs. Byroad and was sent to Mr. Marr's stepfather Mr. Gay, who is a direct descendant of Sir Robert Jordan. Marr first discovered the Bible in 1954 in an Easter exhibit in Glendale public library and recognized the book as the family Bible of his stepfather's ancestors.

Gay has been a resident of this area since 1893 and lives in his family home built prior to 1825. He spends his winters with his step-daughter, Mrs. Helen Marr, a teacher in Waterville.

Way Back When - In Biddeford



This is an interior view of the Wilfrid Boivin harness shop which was located next to the Curritan on Alfred street and was the only harness shop in this part of the county in 1910. Here Mr. Boivin is shown with the great quantity of goods

which he carried, luggage of all types, horse collars, horse whips, harnesses, and a galaxy of equipment which probably would mystify the average boy today.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 1954



QUITE a difference from the modern buses of today were the horse-drawn cars of yesteryear. Pictured above is the vehicle in which mom, dad and the family rode from Biddeford to Old Orchard for a day at the beach. It was pointed out that many times there would be a delay in the

trip when two more horses would be added to the team so that the car would be able to travel uphill. This photo was taken in July of 1894 in front of the Methodist church at Old Orchard. The conductor is Herbert F. Hodgkins while the motorman is William Worthing, both deceased.

Briefs

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Justus B. Cobb

Mrs. Grace Jellison Cobb, widow of Justus B. Cobb, lifelong resident of Saco, died at a local hospital early this morning. She was 83.

She was born June 30, 1873, the daughter of Edgar A. and Emmiline (Huff) Jellison. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist church in Saco, having served in many official positions in the church, most recently as co-chairman of the church visiting committee. She was active member of the Philathea Class of the church. The Cobb Baptist parish house, acquired by the church three years ago, was named in honor of her and her husband.

She is survived by one son Edgar J. Saco; one grand daughter Mrs. Wendall Sawyer, Saco; one grandson, Justus B. Cobb, III, Meridan, Conn., and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Saco United Baptist church. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco, Tuesday afternoon and evening.

al, Saturday, February 2, 1957

Mrs. Herbert Libby

Mrs. Maud F. Libby, 78, of 226 South street, widow of Herbert I. Libby, died Friday evening at a local hospital.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Prentiss and Carrie (Twambley) Freeman. She was a member of the Second Congregational church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Wilbur E. Manchester, Cape Elizabeth, and Mrs. Melbourne F. Means, this city; three sons, Carl F. Libby, Stoughton, Mass., Donald P. Libby, Columbia, S. C., and Paul T. Libby, Saco; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call from 3 to 9 p. m. on Monday.

al, Thursday, August 23, 1956

Mrs. Sidney Barnstead

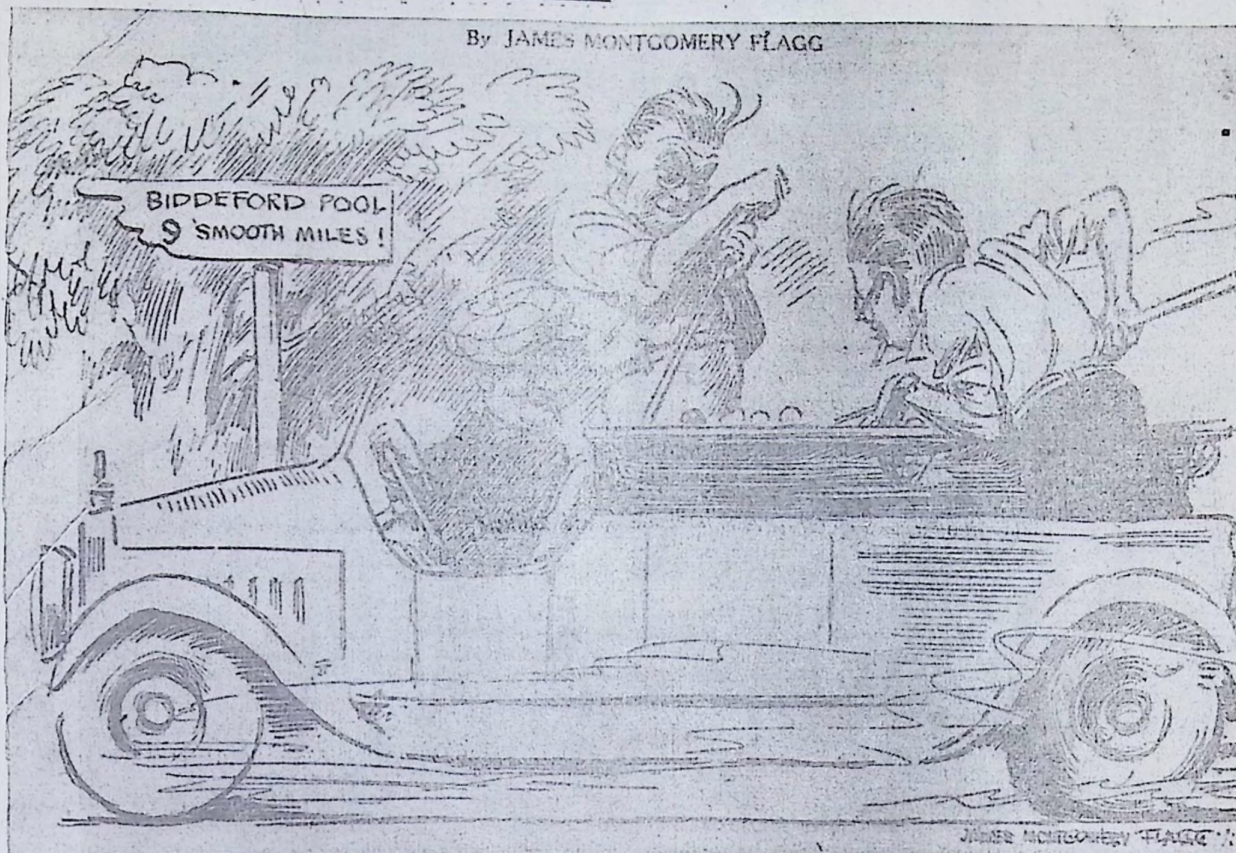
Mrs. Kate Dennett Barnstead, wife of Sidney Barnstead, 339 Main street, Saco, died early this morning at her home at the age of 77.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Charles and Adeline (Rice) Dennett and attended the Second Parish Unitarian church.

She is survived by her husband.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

By JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG



SUCH TROUBLES people had back in those so-called "good old days." And when it came to driving over rough roads with the new fangled horseless carriages, it was simply torture, as is revealed in a poem that was printed in the June 17, 1927, editions of the Journal. It tells specifically about the Pool road, which apparently was menacing on a person's life in a "new" automobile. But all of today's cars would simply take the bumps and ridges of back roads smoothly, with no need for getting out and pushing. People

attending the York County Automobile Dealers association show this weekend will be able to see this at a glance when they view the array of bright, new cars on display at the Saco Armory. The drawing above and the poem below are both originals by noted illustrator James Montgomery Flagg, a summer resident at Biddeford Pool at the time they were published, and he, like everyone else who had occasion to use it, was bothered by the rough road to the Pool.

Thirty years ago it was,
In Eighteen somep'n' or other,
I was driven to the Pool
By Artie Edwards' mother.

By horse and country carry-all,
In sun or rain and hail
That lady drove for Uncle Sam--
She carried all the mail.

The road was just a country road,
Unknown was Henry Ford;
You yelled "Giddap--" and started
out
And trusted in the Lord.

The road kept getting rottener
As years went on, of course,
And gasoline came in to stay---
And blooey went the horse!

The roads improved the country
'round.

It was the general rule;
The glaring sad exception was
The one to Biddeford Pool!

They built three miles one sum-
mer,
And did it fairly well;

As roads don't keep themselves
in mend
This piece went straight to hell!

And so for years we bumped
along,
We paid our taxes, too,
We got no road nor anything---
O, yes, we got the "view"!

Wright Goldthwaite smoothed
out Fletcher's Neck,
A good piece of massaging,
The other eight miles never
shaved,

Their pores kept on enlarging!
Then came a sudden change last
year,
'Twas Doctor Precourt showed
The thankful people of the Pool
That he could build a road.

It's just as good this summer,
too;
Commissioner Artie Edwards
Is working hard when other
folks
Have yawned and clambered
bedwards!

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Miss Alta Ladd

Miss Alta W. Ladd, a life long resident of Saco, died Monday afternoon at a local hospital. She was a resident of 27 Storer street, Saco.

The daughter of Walter and Susie (Wentworth) Ladd, she and her sister, Vera Ladd, operated a ladies apparel store on Main street, Saco, for many years. She retired about 11 years ago. Prior to this she assisted her mother in operating the store.

Surviving besides her sister are several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Wednesday evening.

nal, Thursday, January 9, 1953

Charles Norton

Word was received in Saco Wednesday evening of the death of Charles Norton in Brockton, Mass., who prior to going to Massachusetts to reside several years ago operated a barber shop in Saco in partnership with the late Calvin Barnes, under the name of Norton and Barnes. Surviving relatives include a son, Thomas Lowell Norton, New York City, two nephews, Frank Lacy, Saco, John Lacy, Portland, and a niece, Miss Helen McDonald Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Russell funeral home, Brockton, Mass., Friday morning at 9 o'clock.



EDMOND S. NICHOLS.

Wednesday, October 23, 1957

Mrs. Eugene Taylor

Mrs. Mary Alice Taylor, 80, wife of Dr. Eugene B. Taylor, 130 Elm street, Saco, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital, after a long illness.

She was born in Kennebunk, the daughter of Edwin and Lydia (Waterhouse) Day. She was a member of the Second Congregational church in this city.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Taylor; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Towle, West Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. John J. Murphy, Jr., Hartford, Conn.; a grandson, William G. Towle, Hartford, Conn., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:30 p. m., from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Interment will be in Pine Grove cemetery, West Kennebunk.

Roy P. Fairfield

Fairfield's History Of Saco Can Be Model For Historians

Sands, Spindles and Steeples
By Roy P. Fairfield

Town histories come and go in Maine—but some, like this history of Saco by Roy Fairfield, associate professor of cultural heritage at Bates College are due to stay.

Fairfield has caught the essence of Saco life between 1865 and 1900 or so it seems to one who is not a native of the town. The cumulative effect of the section covering those years is to bring the dust on Saco roads to the reader's eyes, to bring the political debates in Democratic leader Sam Lord's store back like yesterday's news and to point up the fact that changes were slow and often entirely lost in those bygone days.

Whether it is the dispute over when and where to build Thornton Academy, where the slums were, how the churches went up and how long they held their pastors, who were the leading town characters or who made money and how, the Bates College professor has answered—in a style that brooks few equals for readability in its class. Town histories can be dry. They can be turgid. Fairfield's history is neither.

Above all, for the period 1865-1900, it gives an overall effect—a feeling of roundness and fullness. Whether or not this actually is Saco as it was—and only someone who lived through much of that time can judge—Fairfield, like any truly successful artist, has painted in his brush strokes and from those strokes has brought forth a feeling of wholeness.

Unfortunately, the author apparently was content to merely expand his doctoral dissertation at Harvard which covered the 1865-1900 era.

As a result the first two chapters covering 1603-1830 and 1830-65 and the final chapter covering the modern era from 1900 to 1956 are somewhat sketchy.

Fairfield leaves the modern era to another author. Diplomacy is sometimes the better part of valor in town history writing—and it will be a brave man or woman who ventures into the modern history of any Maine town, whether it be Saco or others.

But, for complete town histories, such must be done, even at the writer's peril.

Maine historical writing has been hampered in the past with too much diplomacy, too much in the way of "whitewashes", too much in the way of pleasing everyone but the god of facts.

It probably has suffered as a consequence. It sometimes has brought semi-traumatic experiences to the state's children, especially after they go off to college and come upon or are led to books that tell more of the truth. These experiences can bring disillusionment with the state's schools, teachers and edu-

ational system and, finally, with the state itself.

Fairfield doesn't belong to this diplomatic school of Maine historians. He is, on the other hand, no Thomas Wolfe bringing down the bans of his native city on himself by telling the truth exactly as he saw it.

For, of course, the Bates professor wasn't alive through the era upon which he concentrates. (He does, however, owe some slight stylistic debts to Wolfe.) But Fairfield points out the eccentricities (even when they were prominent in the town), carefully notes the bickerings and squabbles between the politi-

cians and even discusses the strengths and weaknesses of York Manufacturing Company policies toward its employees.

The Bates professor gives no excuses for the scantiness of material on the early periods. Probably none is needed—since undoubtedly no one has covered those periods as well.

But much historical work remains to be published on both the first 250 years and the last 50 years of Saco history.

Fairfield names names in the first 300 years. But, when he came to the modern era, he drew back, joined the diplomatic school of Maine historian and really doesn't single out a single person for either praise or blame.

The longer section of the book is wonderful. Any future Maine town historian should look at it before he starts his work. It should serve as that kind of model.

The fine work on the 1865-1900 era makes up for all shortcomings. It perhaps would have been better to publish it separately—as an historical gem unmarred by the more rapidly done other sections.

(House of Falmouth) F.H.S.

al, Tuesday, January 15, 1957

Historian Will Speak Before E And I Union

1000 miles in Greece doing research and taking kodachromes for Cultural Heritage and lecturing on American Civilization for United States Information Service. He has written numerous articles on higher education, which have been published.

Dr. Fairfield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fairfield, Horton avenue, Saco, and both he and his wife, the former Marilyn Rumery, were graduated from Thornton Academy in the class of 1936.

Mrs. Everett Ladd will be program hostess and tea will be served during the social hour by Mrs. Hazel Bishop and her committee.

Dr. Roy P. Fairfield, associate professor at Bates college, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union at the club rooms on Beach streets Friday afternoon at 2.

Dr. Fairfield, author of the book "Sands, Spindles and Steeples," a history of Saco, is a graduate of Bates college and received his Ph. D from Harvard in 1953. He was at Athens college, Athens, Greece; as Fulbright Professor of history, 1953-1954, and at Hofstra College, Hempstead, N. Y., during the summer of 1956. During the summer of 1953 he was co-leader of a student tour through England, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. In the spring of 1954 he traveled more than 10,-



Dr. Roy P. Fairfield

al, Monday, January 21, 1957

William Johnston, Jr. Dies At Age Of 65

William R. Johnston, Jr., 65, of 54 Scammon street, Saco, a Saco-Lowell shops foreman and lifelong Saco resident, died suddenly at his home Saturday afternoon.

A native of Saco, the son of the late William R. Johnston, Sr., and Lizzie (Carter) Johnston, he was educated in Saco schools. He learned the machinist trade at the Saco-Lowell Shops and had continued in the employ of the firm for 35 years. He was a foreman most of that period.

He was an active member and vestryman of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco. At the time of his death he was the chairman of the new church building committee. He was also a member of Saco lodge, A. F. & AM and Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Besides a daughter, Mrs. Willis Hall, Saco, he leaves William R. Johnston, 3rd, Lyman; a sister, Mrs. John King, North Brookfield, Mass., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Trinity Episcopal church, Pleasant street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, this afternoon and evening.



HONORED AT a tea yesterday at the First Parish Congregational church, Saco where she has been an active member for many years, was Mrs. Martha Goldthwaite Hill, who was celebrating her 100th birthday. She was born in Biddeford, November 15, 1860, and has always lived in the twin-city area. Last summer, Mrs. Hill was confined to the Trull hospital with a broken hip, and during that time suffered the loss of a daughter, Helen, who was well-known in musical circles throughout the area, having served for many years as organist at the Saco First Parish Congregational church. Mrs. Hill has one son, George, who with his wife and son, lives in Claremont, Fla. At present, Mrs. Hill is residing at the Benn Nursing home, Nott street, Saco. Featured as centerpiece at the refreshment table yesterday was a decorated birthday cake, and pouring were Mrs. Howard Sands and Mrs. George Goodchild.

al, Saturday, May 28, 1960

Prominent Saco Musician Dies

Miss Helen Eva Hill, 78, Saco native and prominent musician and clubwoman, died Friday evening in a Biddeford hospital. She resided at 26 High street.

Born the daughter of Herbert and Martha (Goldthwaite) Hill, she graduated from Thornton Academy and studied at the New England Conservatory of Music under the organ teacher, Dr. True.

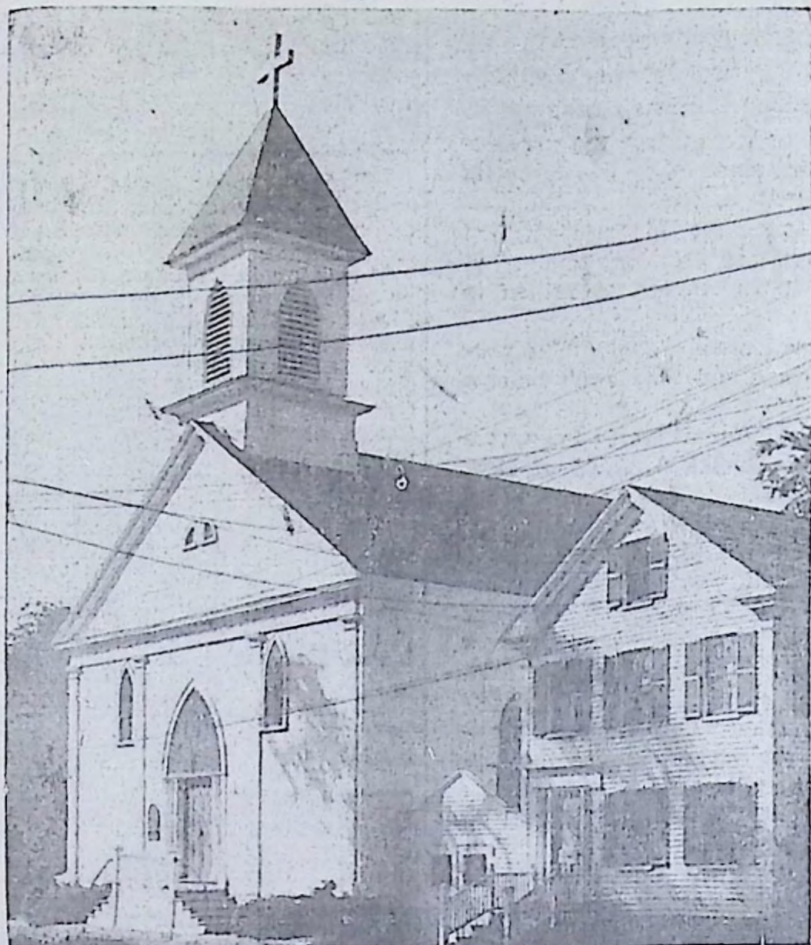
She served as organist at the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, until retiring a few years ago, and conducted a studio for private pupils of organ and piano music.

She was past president of the

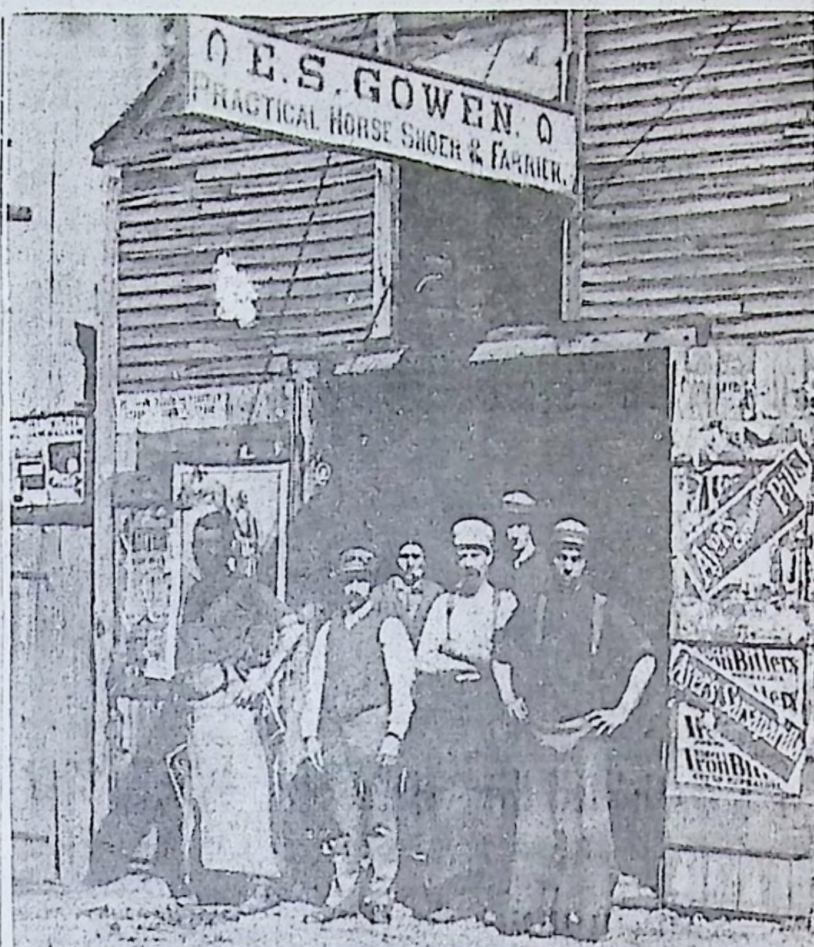
Twin City Business and Professional Women's club, the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco, and the Madisses of the First Parish Congregational church. She was also a member of the National Organist's Guild. Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Martha Hill, Saco; a brother, George H. Hill, Claremont, Fla., a niece and nephew.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Monday evening from 7 to 9 p. m. Burial will be at Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Historic Saco Church



Trinity Episcopal church, Pleasant street, Saco, will celebrate the 126th anniversary of its consecration on Sunday at a special service. Rev. William Brown, the rector, announced that a Thanksgiving service will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. at the historic church, which was established in 1636. At this time a brass offering plate, given in memory of Charles Innes, a former member of the church, will be used for the first time. Father Brown stated that members of the church have been asked to bring their friends to the service. Holy Communion is to be held at 8 a. m.



THE GOOD OLD HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS created plenty of work for the blacksmiths and in many cases the blacksmith shop was the spot for folks to meet and talk over the events of the day. Shown above is the shop of Erwin S. Gowen on Washington street, which was built around 1875 and torn down in 1911 to make way for the present Biddeford post office. Shown in the photo are, left to right, Gowen, Alex Eon, Stephen N. Watson and Timothy Sullivan. The two remaining figures on the right have not been identified. The picture was taken around 1905.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 3, 1957



Biddeford, Journal, July 3, 1957

Mrs. William Goodwin Dies At Age Of 77

Mrs. Rose (Deering) Goodwin, 77, of 435 Main street, Saco, and widow of William F. Goodwin, one of the pioneer automobile dealers in the two cities, died early this morning at a local hospital.

She was born in Saco, daughter of John and Amelia (Harmon) Deering. She was educated in the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy. She attended Smith college.

She was a member of the Unitarian church, Saco, and the Unitarian Alliance, the American Association of University Women, the E & I union and the Thursday club. She served as president of the Thursday club at one time.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Robert Bowie, Saco; three sisters, Miss Lucy M. Deering and Miss Edna Deering, both of Saco, and Mrs. Fred Campbell, Kennebunkport; a brother, Charles, H. Deering, Portland; three grandchildren and three nieces.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m., from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Thoughtless Action of White Men Brings Squando's Curse To River

A monument marking the landing place of Richard Vines in this city is noticed by many at the lower end of the Pool road and perhaps many wonder why Vines decided to come to this particular part of the country.

It all began in 1605 when an English exploring vessel, commanded by Capt. George Weymouth, was cruising along the coast of Maine and finally put into the harbor at the mouth of the Penobscot river. The captain and his men visited the Indians living in this section and succeeded in turning five of their chief men on board. They were held captive and taken back to England where they were seen by the explorer, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, who became interested in them and took them into his family.

They were with him three years and during that time learned to speak English and told Sir Gorges of the wonders of Maine. Gorges became interested in this new world and interested others in the scheme of planting colonies in America.

The organization which they formed for this purpose was called the Plymouth company. From King James I they obtained a grant of all the land from the Hudson river to Cape Breton, including all islands within 100 miles of the coast. When the rights of the company were transferred to 40 noblemen, Sir Gorges was granted the portion now included in Maine, so that he became the first individual landowner of the state.

Reports Unfavorable

Numerous explorers were sent out by the Plymouth company but almost all brought back unfavorable reports of the prospects of settling in the country.

Gorges refused to be discouraged and in 1616 he sent out a crew of 32 men to spend the winter on these shores and test the severity of the climate. Sixteen of the crew were left at Monhegan to fish. The remaining 16, under the direction of Captain Richard Vines, arrived at the mouth of the Saco river in September, 1616, several years before the settlement of Massachusetts by the Puritans. The men spent the autumn exploring the coast and bartering with the Indians.

The settlers began to think about the coming winter months and after exploring all points along the shores of Saco Bay, the men finally selected a spot in Lower Biddeford, on the west side of Biddeford Pool and erected a log cabin.

Though the winter was extremely cold, the men did not suffer from any great discomfort and in the spring they returned to England to report favorably on the country.

Happy with the results of this experiment, Gorges and others were active during the next seven years in transporting colonists to these shores and numerous settlements were established in

the vicinity of Saco Bay.

The first importation of cattle into the State of Maine was in 1631, when a cargo of hogs, goats, sheep and cows was

brought to the settlement. Horses were not introduced until many years later. The chief occupations of the settlers were fishing and trading with a few trying their hand at farming.

Half Century of Peace

For over 50 years these settlers lived in peace with the Indians and carried on a profitable trade with them.

In 1675, however, an incident occurred which was the cause of a long series of bloody wars.

The young wife of Squando, a noted chief of the Sokoki tribe, was crossing the river in her canoe and with her was her baby, the first-born son of the great chieftain. Some sailors from an English vessel anchored in the river, saw her and desiring to find out if Indian children could swim by instinct like wild animals, they upset the canoe. The baby sank and the mother dove after it and brought it to shore, but it died not long after and the heartbroken father determined to seek revenge. Many believe he left a curse on the river that it would take the lives of three white people each year.

To take his revenge on the whites, Squando decided to lend assistance to the western Indians who had laid plans to wipe out all of the white settlers on the coast. The settlement at Saco Falls, where the mills now stand, was doomed to receive the first blow.

It was a peaceful Saturday morning on September 16, 1675, when suddenly word came that strange Indians were lurking in the vicinity and there was danger of an attack.

Immediately the settlers fled to the garrison house of Major Phillips on the west side of the river. Scarcely had they reached its shelter than Captain John Bonnyton's house, which stood on the Saco side of the river, burst into flames. House after house was fired, the cattle slain and finally the garrison was attacked. The first onslaught was repulsed by the settlers. Shortly afterwards, Major Phillips went to an upper window to watch the movements of the Indians and was seen by a lurking Indian, who shot at him, wounding him in the shoulder. Believing that he had been killed, the Indians rallied for a second attack and were again repulsed.

Siege Is Ended

The red men next set fire to the mills, thinking the men would come out to defend their property, but were mistaken. Again and again they attacked the garrison and finally came upon an idea. They secured a cart and loaded it with birch bark and other inflammable material, set it on fire and attempted to run

it against the house. However, the cart was upset, exposing the entire party to the fire, ending the siege which had lasted for 18 hours.

Major Phillips appealed to the colonists at Winter Harbor for help as their ammunition was nearly exhausted, but none could be spared. So the people from the

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The war lasted about three years and settlements along the coast from New Hampshire to the Kennebec suffered. After an interval of about 10 years, King William's war broke out in 1688.

An interesting incident occurred about this time. A party of Indians who had been on a mauling expedition in Kittery and Berwick, suddenly appeared at the settlement. They descended upon the home of Capt. Humphrey Scamman where Mrs. Scamman was alone with her five children. Her 10 year old son had just started out with a mug of beer for the father who was mowing in a nearby meadow.

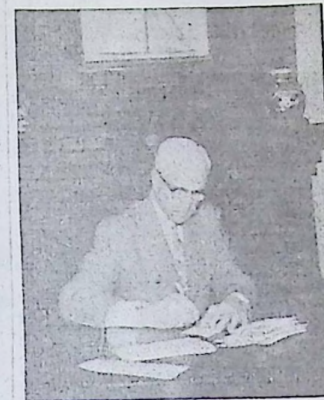
Mother Alerted

The boy saw the Indians and rushed back to tell his mother, setting the mug down on the dresser. There was no time to escape and the mother and children were taken captive. Mrs. Scamman refused to tell where her husband was and then the chief promised that all their lives would be spared if she would reveal his whereabouts. The captain was also taken and the Indians hastened away with their captives.

They were taken along the forest trails to Canada, stopping at Peckwogett, now Fryeburg, which was once the capital of the Sokoki tribe and suffered many hardships. After their arrival in Canada the captives were disposed of among the French and scattered through different parts of the province.

The next year a treaty was signed with the Indians and the entire family returned in safety to their home. Their favorite cat was waiting for them on the doorstep and inside on the dresser, the mug of beer was still resting where the boy had placed it over a year before, when he had run to his mother with the dread news.

Rites Wednesday For Sidney A. Staples



Sidney A. Staples, long prominent in local bank organizations, coal concerns, fraternal and service clubs, died Sunday at his home, North street, Saco. On Feb. 19 he observed his 80th birthday.

He was a native of this city, the son of Orin and Marcia (Shaw) Staples. He was educated in the local public and high schools and took an active part in varsity sports. He started his business career in 1887 as a clerk with the Output and Union Coal company of this city, now known as the Biddeford-Saco Coal company. He had served that concern since 1914 as manager and treasurer. He was also a former treasurer of the Dubois Coal company, Saco, and the Pepperell Coal company, this city. He was a former president and director of the Pepperell Trust company, this city, for many years. He and his wife, the former Kate Garland, operated the former Bay View hotel at Bay View for many years during the summer. He was a charter member of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, and was active in the affairs of the Biddeford-Saco Country club and was one of the leading golfers of that organization for several years.

He was a 50-year member of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., this city, and held membership in Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar; Kora Temple, Mystic Order of Shriners, and other Masonic organizations. He was a former member of the Maine and New England Hotel Mens associations. He was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

Mr. and Mrs. Staples observed their golden wedding anniversary in June of 1953.

Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Clifton R. Johnson, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Marcia Staples Cantara, this city; three grandchildren, Diane Staples Johnson, Paul Russell Johnson, and Karen Louise Johnson, Portland.

Funeral services will be held at the First Parish Congregational church, Wednesday afternoon at 2. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday evening between 7 and 9. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Maine Heart Society fund.

Tuesday, February 19, 1957

Miss Ilo Johnston

Miss Ilo M. Johnston, a resident of 84 Temple street, Saco, died at a local hospital Monday evening following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Hawkins) Johnston. Educated in Saco schools, she graduated from Thornton academy in 1903. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal church and was a past president of the Guild of the church. She was also a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Lewis H. Smith, Saco; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call from 4 to 9 p. m. Tuesday. Friends are asked to donate to the Cancer fund instead of sending flowers.

Portland (Me.) Press Herald,

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1957

MISS ILO M. JOHNSTON

SACO, Feb. 18—Miss Ilo M. Johnston, 71, of 84 Temple St., died in a Biddeford hospital this evening.

She was born in Saco Jan. 14, 1886, the daughter of Thomas and Martha Hawkins Johnston. She was educated in local schools and graduated from Thornton Academy in 1903. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, a member and past president of Trinity Guild.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Carpenter of Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Louis M. Smith of Saco; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Journal, Friday, March 15, 1957

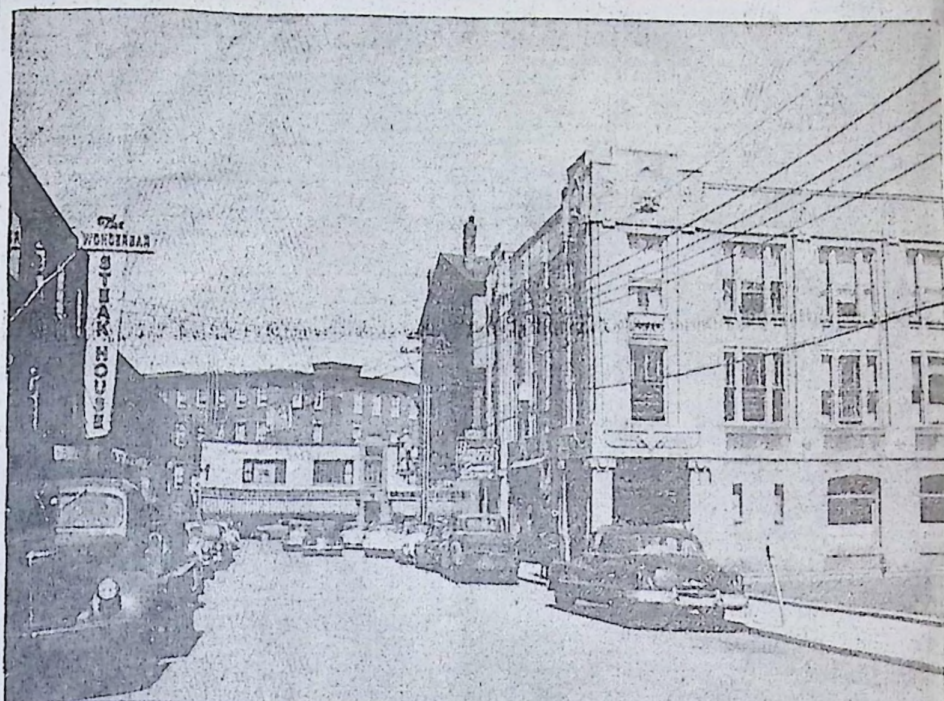
Mrs. Robert Meserve

Mrs. Mary (Mae) E. Meserve, 77, widow of Robert C. Meserve, formerly of Saco, died Thursday evening at her home, 148 Liberty street, Lynn, Mass.

Born in Calais, March 21, 1880, the daughter of Moses and Ella (Hanscomb) Noble, she was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, while living in Saco, and a member of Annette chapter, O. E. S.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Florence Cross, Woolwich, and Mrs. Helen L. Trask, Lynn, Mass.; a brother, Robert L. Noble, Sr., this city, and several nephews.

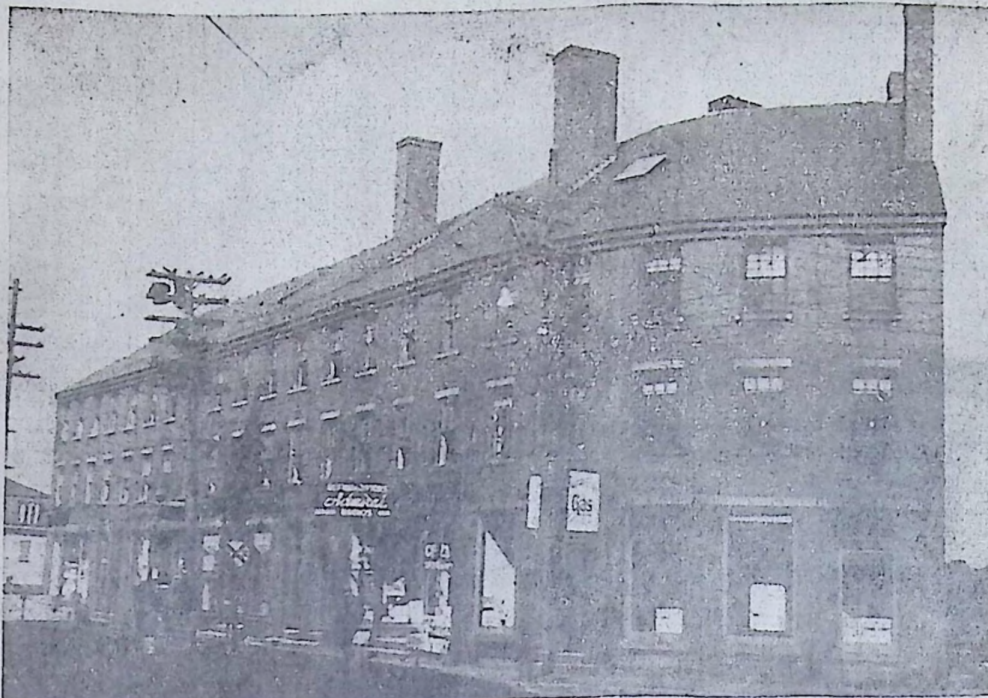
Funeral services will be from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, details to be announced later.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE 46 years makes in the appearance of a community! Although it seems incredible, the two photographs shown above were taken on almost the same spot on Washington street. However, the top print shows today's modern buildings and paved highway lined with cars, while the one on the bottom was taken in 1911, revealing dirt roads, wooden buildings and the vehicle of transportation in those days, the horse and buggy. In 1911 the livery stable on Washington street, where the Paquin building now stands, was run by Lewis E. Wiggin. Beyond the stable is the brick Exchange block, now the home of the Pepperell Trust company. When this photo was taken the Biddeford National Bank

and Goodwin Trust company occupied the premises. In the far background can be seen the old Crystal Arcade, built in the 1850's. The brick Exchange block was erected in 1873 to replace the wooden Somes block, which was then moved bodily to the other side of Washington street, and remodelled in 1952 into the present Wonderbar Steak house. It is recalled that when Joseph Paquin built the present building on Washington street in 1924, many people called it "Paquin Folly," because they believed that it was too far away from Main street to draw business to stores and offices. The bottom picture was taken by Charles E. Moody while the top one was snapped by George Anastasoff.

The Old Order Changeth



Here's the Water Power block at the top of York hill in Saco, on Factory Island, shown at left the way it looked at the start of the summer . . . and at right the way it looks today after renovations have been performed by the Biddeford-Saco Gas company, the owner. Plainly visible in the photo at right is the gas company's new office and display room, which will feature the latest in gas appliances, and in the future will also house the company's service department. The block itself is said to be 117 years old, and was built by the Saco Water Power company, which also built some of the mills here. The building, which in earlier days was a rooming and boarding house for mill workers, is on land that was bought by the water power company from the York Manufacturing company about 1840. The property was later owned by the Pepperell Manufacturing com-

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pany, and was subsequently in the hands of Cumberland Securities, a holding company for the Cumberland Power company, predecessor here of the Central Maine Power company. The gas company, formed in 1949, in that year purchased the gas franchise for York county from the Central Maine Power company, and the block from Cumberland securities. In the latest renovation, the top two stories of the block were torn away to leave a modern one-story office block. In addition to the gas company's rooms, three other offices, still to be completed, will be in use in the building. Fred E. Phillips, a veteran of the gas business since 1928, is manager of the Biddeford-Saco concern.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Journal, Thursday, May 2, 1957

Adney J. Fenderson Dies At Age Of 96; Veteran Merchant

Adney J. Fenderson, 96, dean of merchant tailors and one of Saco's oldest residents, died Wednesday evening in Saco. He started as an apprentice in 1879 and later opened his own tailoring establishment on Elm street, Saco. His active business career extended to 1946 but he maintained his activity in Fenderson's clothing store until the last few months of his life.

He was born in Kennebunkport, the son of Alexander and Jane (Wakefield) Fenderson.

He was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian church and belong to the Saco lodge of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternal organizations. He was active in boating throughout his life and sailed both motor and sail boats on the Saco river. He was the oldest member of the Saco Yacht club.

In younger life he sang in church quartets and took part in church activities in the two cities.

He served in the Saco city government and represented Ward 7 as a member of the common council in 1904-05-06 and 1918 and was alderman from the same ward in 1911. In 1924 he became overseer of the poor.

Survivors include his widow, Isabel; three sons, Henry, Cambridge, Mass., Richard, New York City, and Robert, Saco; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco. Flowers will be omitted.

Journal, Monday, June 10, 1957

Frances Mitchell, Clarence Tarr Married Here

A wedding was quietly solemnized at Second Parish Congregational church Saturday afternoon when Clarence E. Tarr, 230 South street, took Mrs. Frances Mitchell, Old Orchard road, Saco, for his bride. Rev. H. Lewis Cutler, pastor, officiated at the ceremony which was witnessed by immediate family members.

Mrs. Alfred Wilcox, a daughter of the bridegroom, attended the bride, and Richard Clark, a son-in-law of Mr. Tarr, served as best man.

Following the ceremony and a bridal dinner for family members at the Cascade lodge, the couple has gone on a honeymoon to an undisclosed destination. Upon their return they will make their home at 230 South street. Mr. Tarr is employed as a member of the Clayton Buick Sales agency, Saco.

Vaughn Dennett--Colorful Life

By ROY WHITCOMB
(Staff Correspondent)

Saco's only "fossil" is still a youngster, although he's crowding his 88th year. J. Vaughn Dennett, who boasts a reputation being the sole member of a society of amateur writers called "fossils" is also one of the city's best authorities on historical culture and antique furniture.

Dennett, who was born here the same year that Saco was incorporated as a municipal government, started his varied careers as a publisher at the age of 14 and for two years printed the Star, a four page weekly.

From publishing he took to the sea, and sailed abroad as a "boy" on one of the last sailing ships to be built in York County.

"I swallowed the anchor," he says, after making another trip several years later. "Steamships just are not my idea of sea-going."

Next on Dennett's schedule came the re-inforced concrete business, and that venture became his most successful—at least in terms of cash.

"We built the first concrete buildings in New England," he says, "and the firm is still enjoying a prosperous existence. The company, Abethaw and Company, also produced the re-inforced concrete for the mother church of the Christian Science religion at Boston.

BUT, DENNETT'S activities have been confined to one field, and after semi-retirement from the everyday business of producing steel-backed cement he employed his craft at furniture making for amusement and small profit.

"I think it cost me more to make the goods than it did my friends to buy them. It was during this period, though, that I built the furniture that now stands in the Boston Arts and Crafts Society home in Boston.

His craft at turning a piece of maple into a authentic reproduction of colonial furniture has stayed with Dennett ever since, and with has grown his almost religious devotion to the events and people of the past.

"I like history," Dennett claims "and the culture that goes with it."

IN HIS SACO HOME Dennett has reproduced a dining room straight out of the 1700's in early America. His other rooms in the Dennett home, all of them packed with original and authentic pieces, has preserved the flavor of the 1800's in America and England.

And, still another pastime of his, and perhaps the one he enjoys most these days is reading. Dennett's two libraries on the first and second floors of his home, contain more than 11,000 volumes.

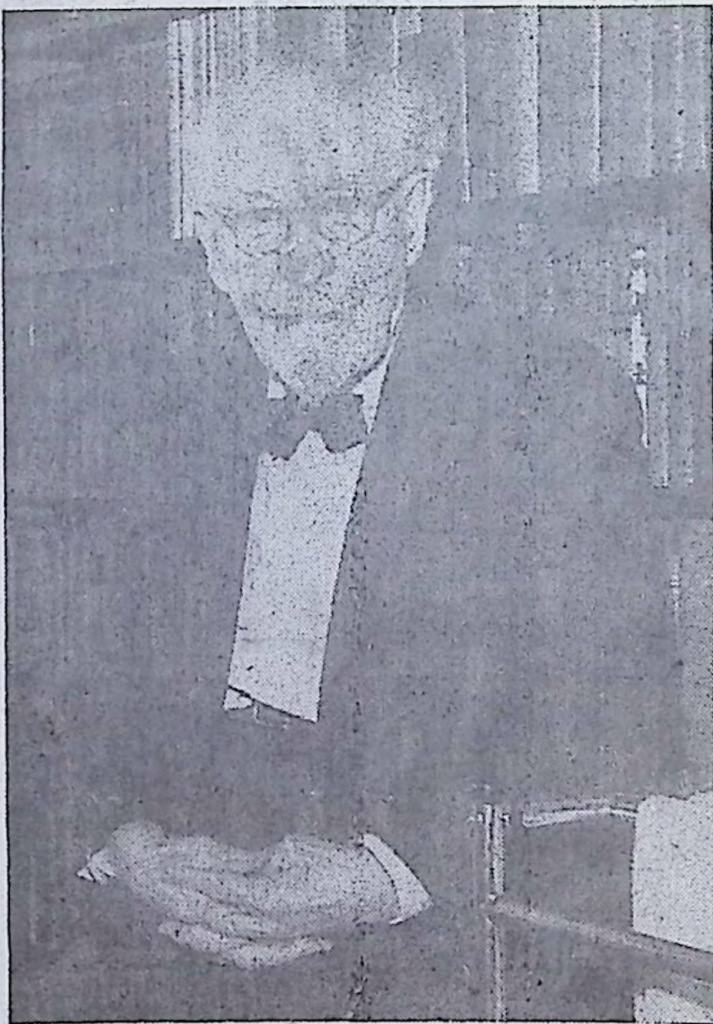
"I'm not a collector, but I do have some early folios that date back to the 1500's and my main pleasure in books is reading them."

HE ADMITS that all the books at his home have not been read—"that would take more than a lifetime"—but his favorites have been read and re-read just for pleasure. Many of the books he hasn't paged through are by-products of a purchase he may have made just to get one or two from a 20-volume package.

Talking with Dennett for a few hours can show you some of the reasons behind his boundless vitality. At 87 he is still with clear eye and strong voice — a fact that belies his four score and seven years.

"My secret for long life is no closed one," he said the other day. "I have always been moderate in everything I did, and when I couldn't be that way I gave it up."

"ALSO, MY FOREBEARS were hearty souls and their heritage has helped me in many ways."



J. Vaughn Dennett

Dennett, for instance, is related to George Vaughan of Portland, builder of the recently razed Vaughan Bridge and responsible for the real estate developments of the Western Promenade in Portland.

The Dennett home in Saco, a 135 year old brick building, is the youngest one Dennett ever lived in, he says. While living in Massachusetts he lived in several homes in outlying suburbs of the city that dated back before the 19th century. One item he is particularly proud of is an iron captain's chest that is supposed to have come from a ship of the Spanish Armada.

THE CHEST, with nine bolts on it and bar brace, rests in his study still in good use.

Vaughn Dennett's long career in construction and cabinet making have given him many satisfactions that wouldn't be realized any other way. As a creator he has built himself an intellectual castle of rock (or maybe re-inforced concrete) and with his books and tools his life is just what he wants—"a useful one."

Journal, Monday, March 4, 1957

Miss Emily Smith Dies At Age Of 80

Miss Emily Maude Smith, 290 Elm street, died this morning at a local hospital at the age of 80. She was born in this city, the

daughter of Samuel W. and Sarah (Whipple) Smith. Educated in local schools, she taught at the Bliss Business college, Lewiston for several years. Later she was employed by the law firm of Fairfield and Moore. From 1912 to 1941 she was employed at the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution. She also served as a trustee of the Sweetser estate, was an active member of the Foss street Methodist church and

nal, Monday, January 13, 1958

Fred C. Morgan Dies At Age Of 85

Fred C. Morgan, 85, of 44 Middle street, Saco, a former Montana state representative and a former mayor and board of aldermen member of Missoula, Mont., a Saco resident for 32 years, died Sunday at an Old Orchard Beach convalescent home. He was the last surviving member of a family of eight children.

He was a native of Hartland, N. Y., the son of John and Marietta Morgan. His health became impaired in his youth and he took up residence in a dry climate in western Montana. He obtained employment as an interior decorator at Missoula and while residing in that city became interested in the civic and social life of that community. After serving as an alderman for several years he was elected mayor. After that he was elected to serve Missoula in the Legislative assembly of the state of Montana.

Upon completion of his legislative career he was employed as a superintendent of Indian Reservations by the Federal Department of the Interior. He filled this post under four presidents. Under his administration many improvements in conditions of education, transportation, road building, general health and welfare were inaugurated. When his health became impaired again in 1920 he resigned.

Since his marriage to the former Attorney Eva Bean, a native of Saco, on Feb. 16, 1925, he had continued to reside in Maine.

Among his hobbies was flower growing and while residing at the corner of Main and Cross street, Saco, for many years, his success in growing early seasonal flowers, including crocuses and tulips, attracted many garden lovers to his home. Music was another of his hobbies. Possessed of a fine tenor voice, he served as a member of a church quartet in Missoula for many years and took part in musicales and concerts there during the same period.

Mr. Morgan was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Missoula, Mont., lodge, A. F. & A. M., St. Omer Commandery, Knights Templar, and Algeria Temple, all of Montana.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Bean Morgan, Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2. Friends may call there between 7 and 9 Tuesday evening.

the Women's Society of Christian Service of the church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George Wilson and Miss Alice M. Smith, this city.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 from her home, 290 Elm street. Friends may call there Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Saco Woman At 91 Still Reading Without Glasses



MISS ANNIE INNES is the envy of her friends and acquaintances. She is an outstanding example to those who have known the spry, active lady who celebrates her 91st birthday today. As for wearing glasses, she does now and then when she goes out calling but scorns their use for daily living, in fact is proud that she can read even without spectacles. She often visits her friend, Mrs. Adney Judson Fenderson, on Elm street, Saco, who admires the zest for living Miss Innes displays. While Miss Innes was a patient at the Trull hospital she went around cheering up other patients, too, and made rounds daily when possible during her year's stay there. She has attended Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, since she was 11 years old. Sitting in her favorite chair she is still looking out kindly and keenly on the world of today and tomorrow.

Still full of vim and vigor despite the number of years to her credit is Miss Annie Innes, a resident of 111 Temple street, Saco, who today is celebrating her 91st birthday.

Says Mrs. Ann Hammond, who resides with Miss Innes, "She has not one particle of lameness, not an ache or pain and is able to go to Trinity Episcopal church every Sunday."

This is the first winter that Miss Innes has been unable to attend the nightly meetings of the church Guild, but previously went to each session the group conducted.

She is especially proud of the fact that she is able to do her reading minus glasses and also does a lot of her housekeeping.

Mrs. Hammond, who has been residing with Miss Innes for around two years, does all of the cooking, but when it comes to cleaning Miss Innes is always here to do her share.

Native Of Canada
A native of Canada, Miss Innes

Another reason that summer is a special time of year for her, is that she is able to see more of her nephews Philip and Lawrence Towle who live out of town during the remainder of the year. Philip, who is a teacher at an East Orange, N. J. high school, spends much of the summer season at his farm in Hollis while Lawrence has a cottage at Ocean Park. The latter is head of Trinity college, West Hartford, Conn. Still another nephew is in the teaching profession. He is Lowell Innis, headmaster of Shadyside academy, a private school in Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Innis has two nieces and another nephew who live nearby. They are Paul Innis, employed at a mill in Hollis, Mrs. George Ericson, a Massachusetts residence and Mrs. David Wiggins, Portland.

This winter Miss Innis worked on a special project for a good "friend" of hers. Mrs. Hammond has a Labradore Retriever named Trixy, who is Miss Innis' favorite canine. Trixy was instructed by Mrs. Hammond not to lay on the rug in the parlor and so Miss Innis, realizing that a dog must have something soft on which to relax, braided a colorful rug for her pet.

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Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Thursday, July 28, 1955

Biddeford Has Wealth Of Interesting Old Landmarks

Every city has landmarks and old dwellings that forever remain in the minds of its residents, and Biddeford is no exception. Some of these buildings go back as far as the 1700's and many have been modernized and are occupied today.

Thought to be the oldest home in the city is the Goldthwait house located at Hills Beach. The house is known to have been standing in 1717 and possibly was built before that date. During its long career it was used as a trading post, garrison house and militia headquarters.

One of the most favorite meeting places in this city has been the Hotel Thacher. Originally known as the Biddeford house it was built in 1848, located at 177-193 Main street. In 1895, the name was changed to honor Judge George Thacher, who had been elected a member of the first House of Representatives in the first United States Congress. Judge Thacher was a resident of Biddeford at what is now 208 South street.

The interior of the Thacher hotel has been modernized several times, the latest change made in 1954 but the general lines of the block, the roof and the dormer windows appear about as they did in 1855.

Other Landmarks

Other landmarks in the city are the Washington Block, built in 1851 at 165-169 Main street; Hooper's Brick block at 133-139 Main street, built in 1848; the Dudley block, at 28-34 Water

street, built in 1849; the Washington street school, built in 1848.

Another of the older dwellings in Biddeford is the Haley house, situated at 703 Pool road. This house is known to have been in existence around 1730 and may have been built as early as the Goldthwait house.

The Dearborn - Bacon - Warren

Journal, Monday, July 15, 1957

Mrs. Frank E. Banks

Mrs. Lillian J. Banks, widow of Frank E. Banks and a well-known organist in the two cities died yesterday in a Kennebunk convalescent home. She made her home on the Ferry road, Saco.

She was born in this city Nov. 17, 1876, daughter of J. Millard and Emma (Smith) Hill. She was a member of the Biddeford United Baptist church. For over 40 years she had played organs in the local churches. She had studied under Prof. R. H. Phipper in Boston, Mass., in her youth.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Paul Watson and Mrs. Angie Yates, both of Kennebunk; a brother, Carlos L. Hill, South Portland; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Gladys Hansen, Malden, Mass., several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the Angell funeral home, Dane street, Kennebunk. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery, this city. Friends may call at the Angell funeral home this evening.

house, 26 South street, is said to have been built by Joseph Dearborn in 1810. Owners besides Dearborn were Dr. Alvan Bacon and Dr. Frank Warren. The copper beech tree in front, quite rare here, is said to have been brought from farther South by one of the Bacons many years ago.

Built about 1826, the Parson Tracy house, Stone and Lincoln streets, was the first brick house ever built in Biddeford. Its first occupant was the Rev. Mr. Tracy, an early minister of the Second Congregational Manufacturing church. In later years George Gibbs, superintendent of the Pepperell Manufacturing company, resided there as did his son, C. Payson Gibbs, a superintendent and later agent for the Pepperell.

Second Brick House

The second brick house in the city was the Gould house, 62 Alfred street, built in 1829. For some reason there was no further brick construction until the mills came in 1844. When the Gould house was built, Alfred street had just been cut through, and there was no other house in the vicinity.

Union St. John building on Adams and Jefferson streets, while now a club house, was originally a dwelling and the home of the mill agents for many years. It was begun by Rufus Nichols about 1847 and completed by Augustine Haines in 1849. It was also occupied for many years by Robert McArthur.

The Tuck house at 38 Jefferson street, was built in 1848 by Jonathan Tuck, who was later mayor of Biddeford.

Outstanding in structure is the Octagon house at 90 Hill street which was built early in 1850 by George Peirson, son of the Revolutionary patriot Samuel Peirson. Orson Fowler, the famous American phrenologist who influenced

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EDWARD M. DEERING
Penmanship and Drawing

Greely, Emerson, Whitman and other noted men, with his ideas, lectured in Biddeford and Saco for two weeks in 1848. In 1849 he published a book recommending what he called the "octogon mode" for building homes. He argued that an eight-sided house gave more exposure to healthful sunlight and had other advantages such as the fact that in a four-sided house, "the distance travelled in bringing up wood from the basement to the parlor" was twice as long as the same distance in an octagon house. Peirson had evidently been a convert of Fowler's and built this house as a result. A second octagon house in Biddeford, built at the southeast corner of Alfred and Birch streets, burned down in 1851.

The Spring House on Spring's Island was built in 1798 by Col. Seth Spring, a veteran of the Battle of Bunker Hill. It was built as a combined residence and inn and Lafayette was entertained here during his visit of 1825. It is now the office of the

Deering Lumber company. Spring built the road from his island to King's Corner to bring travel to his inn and after a bitter struggle had the road accepted by the village in 1801. It then became part of the Post road to Boston and the Spring House was a regular stop for the stage and coaches.

Journal, Saturday, June 8, 1957

Mrs. Ida Twambley Honored At Party

Mrs. Ida F. Twambley, Brookline, Mass., formerly of this city, was honored at a party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Brandon, York, in honor of her 90th birthday.

About 50 guests attended including five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and other relatives from Portland, Saco, this city, Kennebunk, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Mrs. Twambley resided in this city many years and was employed by the York County Savings bank for over 25 years.



NOT FOUR, but five generations are represented in the above photograph. Members of the group are, left to right, Mrs. Valerie Ledoux, 21 Westmore avenue; her daughter, Mrs. Adelard Ledoux,

16 Emery street; her daughter, Mrs. Antonio Roy, 73 Middle street, Saco; her son, Urbain Roberge, Jr., holding his daughter, Cathy Roberge, 87 High street, Saco.

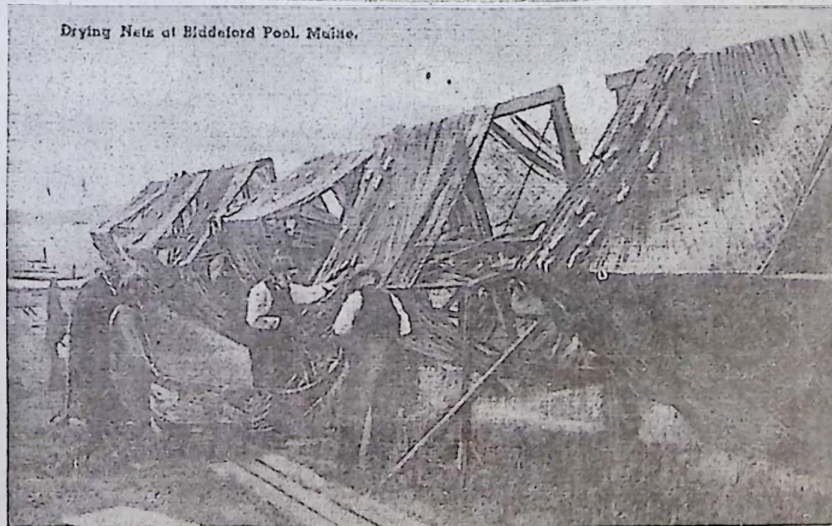
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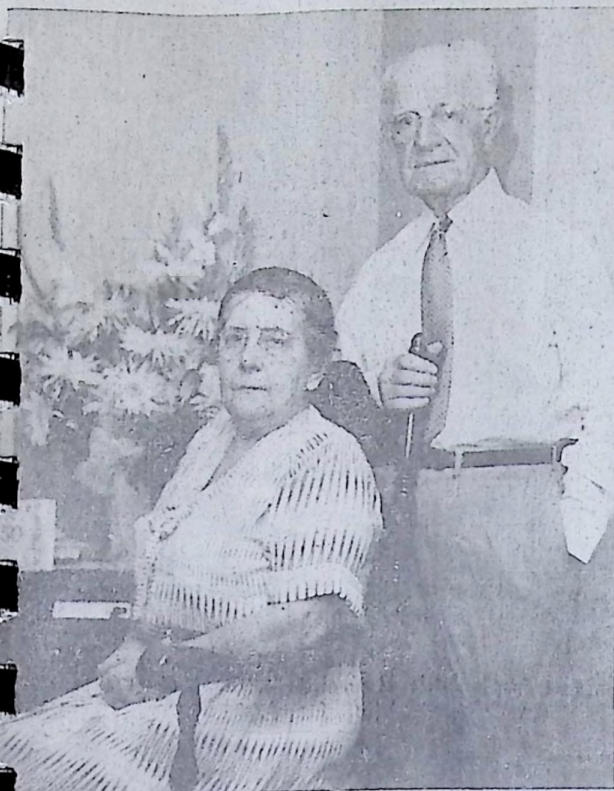
Drying Nets at Biddeford Pool, Maine.



Nets drying at Biddeford Pool was once a familiar sight, but it has been years since anyone but a lobster fisherman, and there are many of these, has used the Pool as a home port. Hatch and Waterhouse were the last to do any fishing from the Pool to any appreciable extent. They made their home in a two-story wooden building next to the F. O. Goldthwaite grocery store, and climbed to their combination kitchen-living room-bedroom by means of a ladder. The rest of the build-

ing was used to house rope and fishing gear of all kinds. R. C. Parker, owner of the building for the past several years, has searched many nooks and corners of the building from time to time, but has been unable to take a full inventory of its contents to this time. In this picture, taken in 1905, from left to right: Enoch Curis, Teddy Small, Captain Charles Hatch and Captain Ted Waterhouse.

Biddeford Journal Engraving



Mr. and Mrs. Byron Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Moore Celebrate Golden Wedding

Observing their golden wedding anniversary Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Moore, 28 Locke street, Saco.

The Moores, who were married June 24, 1907, at St. Stephen Episcopal church, Philadelphia, were honored at a surprise party last evening by the Past Matrons association of Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Anniversary candlesticks and a purse were presented to the couple. Members of Annette chapter and the Womens Society of the Second Congregational church sent bouquets to Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Moore is the former Lou Burdge, Farmingdale, N. J. Mr. Moore, a Biddeford native, who was in the insurance business for many years, is a former Saco street commissioner. He was a construction engineer and was associated with the Raymond Concrete Pile company. The Moores came to Biddeford in 1921.

They have one son, Philip B. Moore, Troy, N. Y., and four granddaughters.

Refreshments were in charge of Miss Nan Cunningham, while Mrs. Joseph Hannaford was in charge of gifts.

Present were Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Carl Dennett, Mrs. Robert Utman, Mrs. Catherine Stacy, Mrs. Richard Googins, Mrs. Melvin Wilbur, Mrs. Rufus Doe, Mrs. George

Allen, Mrs. Frank Reed, Mrs. Stanley Perkins, Mrs. Neil Dow, Mrs. Clarence Holt, and a guest, Mrs. Ida Rich, Portland.

MOODY-BENJAMIN NUPTIALS VERY PRETTY AFFAIR

Popular Young Saco People Made Husband and Wife at Bride's Home.

An early June wedding, one of the first of the season in Saco, occurred at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Benjamin, 26 Prospect street, when Miss Florence Arlyne Benjamin, became the bride of Charles Frederick Moody, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Moody of 185 Pleasant street, that city.

The young couple are so well and favorably known in that city that their marriage was not only an occasion of delightful pleasure to the relatives and intimate friends who witnessed it, but a source of congratulation to those who count the

groom and his bride as their friends. In addition to the Saco and Biddeford people present were a number from Portland, Melrose, Auburndale, Brookline, Mass., and other places.

The Benjamin home was decorated with utmost simplicity for the occasion with spring blossoms, and presented a charming picture. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Richard L. Sloggett, rector of the Trinity Episcopal church of Saco, and the bride was given away by her father. The best man was Stanley E. Hyde of Saco and the maid of honor was Miss Rachel Benjamin, sister of the bride. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Ernest L. Bainton of Melrose, Mass.

The fair bride was gowned in white satin, trimmed with lace. Her veil was tulle, caught with orange blossoms, and her bouquet was bride roses.

The maid of honor wore a dress of pale yellow georgette with rhinestone trimmings. Following the ceremony a reception was held and refreshments were served. Miss Inez Bowie acted as caterer.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody received a large number of wedding gifts, indicating the high esteem in which they are held. There were articles of silver, cut glass, etc., and other remembrances equally as appropriate. After the reception the young couple left for a wedding trip, and on their return they will make their home in a newly furnished apartment, 185 Pleasant street, Saco. The bride's traveling gown and hat were tan ensemble.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Thornton academy. The bride is employed in the office of the Saco Mutual Fire Insurance company. She is a member of Annette chapter, O. E. S., of Saco. The groom, after graduating from the academy, attended the University of Maine and was graduated in the class of 1925. He is a member of the Keppa Sigma fraternity and also of Xi Sigma Pi. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma landscape business in Saco.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. George Benjamin, Castine; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton B. Morse, Auburndale, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Bainton of Melrose, Mass.; Philip Benjamin, Brookline, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Findley, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Partridge, Cape Elizabeth; Mrs. Ella B. Morse, Auburndale, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seavey, Cape Porpoise; Miss Marguerite Scammon, Topsham; Miss Arlene J. Ware, Brewer; Mrs. Barbara Jean, Auburndale, Mass.

Journal, Friday, June 28, 1957

Court Accepts Inventory Of Priest's Estate

The inventory of the estate of Rev. Michael J. Kenely, Kennebunkport, filed by Special Administrator Hilary F. Mahaney of Biddeford June 19 at Alfred, has been accepted by Judge David K. Marshall. It shows a total of \$1,189,818.53, all personal property as there is no real estate. The appraisers were William A. McLeod, Kennebunk, Edward McEnery, Saco, and

Rites Monday For Miss Grace Goodwin

Miss Grace May Goodwin, 76, prominent in local, county and state Daughters of the American Revolution circles and in the First Universalist church, who has resided at the McArthur home, 272 Elm street, died at an Old Orchard Beach convalescent home Friday evening following an extended illness.

She was a lifelong resident of this city, the daughter of the late Hartley and Delia (Piper) Goodwin. She was graduated from Biddeford High school in 1899. Miss Goodwin had never missed an annual reunion of the Biddeford High School Alumni association since graduating. She was employed as a bookkeeper for local business concerns before accepting employment in the same line at the Saco-Lowell shops. She retired several years ago.

She was a past regent of Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and at different times was an officer and served on committees of the state DAR. She was active for many years as a member of the First Universalist church, the Daughters of Ruth and other organizations of that parish.

Her nearest surviving relatives are several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco Monday afternoon at 1:30. Friends may call there Sunday afternoon and evening.

Thomas Burns, Portland.

Seventy-six different stores were listed, ranging from Ace Insurance Company and Air Production Company to United Fruit Company and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. United Steel Corporation and Father Kenely had an investment of \$140,505. In E. I. duPont Nemours Company he had \$252; Standard Oil Company New Jersey, \$72,427.50; American Tel. and Tel. Company \$400, and so on down the list lesser amounts.

Besides the stocks, five different bonds were inventoried while bank books and check accounts in Saco, Kennebunk and Portland banks, plus certain checks added up to \$123,339.50.

Furnishings of the rectory at Kennebunkport, listed under goods and chattels at \$2,198, included needlepoint dining-room chair, Hitchcock chairs, gray back walnut chairs, a so-called Lady's chair and a Gentleman's chair, and a rose-back Victorian chair. A red Chinese desk, curly-maple desk, rope leg tables, a maple blanket chest and a Saraband rug were other items.

Rev. Father Kenely, who died on October 27, 1956, at the age of 73, was the pastor of Roman Catholic churches in Kennebunkport, Kennebunk and Ogunquit. Since he bequeathed his entire estate including life insurance with the exception of two policies of \$5,000 each, to Miss Marion E. Casey, Cape Elizabeth,



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tuttle

Mr. And Mrs. Edwin Tuttle To Observe Golden Wedding

Quietly observing their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday will be Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Tuttle, 92 Franklin street, Saco.

The couple, who were married June 12, 1907, by Rev. John B. Jordon of the Free Baptist church, Saco, expect to leave on Friday for Salem, Mass., where they went on their wedding trip. While in Salem they will visit

with his cousin William Hussey, and family.

Both natives of Saco, the Tuttle are a popular couple since they are active in many clubs and organizations in that community and are members of the Saco School street Methodist church.

In December, Tuttle will have been a member of Saco Lodge, IOOF, for 50 years. He is also a member of Hobah Encampment; Canton J. H. Dearborn, Patriarch Militant, Saco Rebekah lodge, Saco lodge, F. and A. M., King court, Order of the Amaranth; the Men club of the church and the Buxton-Hollis Rod and Gun club.

Mrs. Tuttle is secretary of student work of the Women Society of Christian Service of the church, the E&L club, is musician of Saco Rebekah lodge and a

member of King court, Order of the Amaranth.

Five years ago Mr. Tuttle retired from the grocery store business. His first position was with a store located on the corner of Elm and Pleasant streets in Saco, where he worked for 25 years. Later he became grocery manager of the First National store in Saco and remained there 13 years.

For about two years he worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard but resigned to become grocery manager of Bagley's store when it was located on Main street, Saco.

Mrs. Tuttle is the former Maude Libby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Libby. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim W. Tuttle.

The couple has one son, Lt. John E. Tuttle, a pilot in the Air Force stationed on an island in the Pacific and two daughters,

Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, Portland; and Mrs. Helene Whelan, Saco. Another daughter, Mrs. Ruth Barden, died about eight years ago. The Tuttle have seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
H. BURTON PECK, P. H. P.	Feb. 14, 1910	Jan. 5, 1956
HAROLD B. PARKER	Dec. 12, 1945	Jan. 7, 1956
CHARLES B. LITTLEFIELD	Sept. 27, 1901	Feb. 22, 1956
OTTO L. CARTER	Nov. 8, 1920	Feb. 28, 1956
PERCY H. PENNELL	Oct. 12, 1921	April 2, 1956
PHILIP E. CHAPIN	Dec. 17, 1947	April 3, 1956
ERNEST E. GORDON	June 13, 1917	April 4, 1956
EARL M. FENDERSON	Nov. 3, 1925	May 31, 1956
	Affiliated	Died
BENJAMIN C. SHAW	Sept. 14, 1938	June 1, 1956
	Exalted	Died
HOWARD M. JONES	Dec. 30, 1907	June 21, 1956
WILLIAM A. YATES	Feb. 23, 1916	July 13, 1956
DR. CLARENCE F. KENDALL	Mar. 10, 1920	Aug. 22, 1956
ARTHUR G. H. PRATT	May 13, 1908	Nov. 20, 1956

A MESSAGE TO THE ABOVE

We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here;
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie
On memory's page all bright and clear
And when o'erwearied by the toil
Of life, our heavy limbs shall be,
We'll come, and one by one lie down
Upon dear mother-earth with thee.

And there we'll slumber by thy side;
There, reunited 'neath the sod
We'll wait, nor doubt in His good time
To feel the raising-hand of God!
To be translated from the earth.
This land of sorrow and complaints,
To the ALL-PERFECT LODGE ABOVE,
Whose MASTER is the King of Saints.

"SO MOTE IT BE"

DEFORD, MAINE, SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 13, 1957

Wooden Water Pipes Over A Century Old Unearthed At Saco

Contractors preparing to put telephone lines underground on Main street, Saco, have uncovered craftsmanship from a past century.

This week, while digging a trench along the north side of Main street for burial of telephone lines from Beach street to Factory Island, C. Galli and Sons workers unearthed sections of a wooden aqueduct which date back 100 years or more. The sections, averaging ten feet long, are white cedar poles, a foot or more thick, with a four and one-half inch diameter hole bored from end to end. Many of these antiques water pipe sections are nearly as good as new.

Two elderly Saco residents, Henry A. Hewes, 91, and J. Vaughan Dennett, 89, recalled the original water system, which ran from Beach and Main streets for nearly a mile up North street, past the old eastern railroad tracks, and supplied water to

three houses on Main street. Of the three houses, Thornton hall and the Woodman home, now the rectory of Most Holy Trinity church, still stand. The Rice home, third of these, stood on land now occupied by Most Holy Trinity church.

Neither of the early residents could recall the builder of the aqueduct but Dennett calculated the construction date as well over 100 years ago.

Early 19th century craftsmanship is evident in the smooth straight holes bored in the poles and the end-to-end joining of the sections, which were found five feet below road level.

Evidence of the effectiveness of the water system is found in the fact that a public fountain was once in use on the Woodman property.

Mrs. Abbie Flood Is Feted At Party Marking 90th Birthday



Mrs. Abbie L. Flood

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 10, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Goldthwaite house at Hills Beach is known to have been standing in 1717 and probably was built several years earlier. It has been a trading post for Indian trade, a garrison house and militia headquarters. The original lines of the house are still plain. This house is said to be the oldest in Biddeford.

Biddeford Journal Engraving



Mrs. John A. Harmon

John A. Harmon, Miss McGeorge Wed In Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleton Harmon will reside in Saco following their return from a wedding trip through the northern central states and Canada. They were married in the Cora Groom chapel in Newton, Kan., by Rev. Clarence J. Borger when a double ring ceremony was performed. Harmon is the son of Mrs. C. Wallace Harmon and the late Judge Harmon, Saco.

Mrs. Harmon, the former Ramone Jean McGeorge, chose a street length dress of blue silk organza trimmed with blue satin and a blue satin hat for her wedding. She carried a white Bible topped with pink-rosebuds.

Mrs. Walter Smith, matron of honor, Geneseo, Kan., wore a flowered grey silk organza and carried a nosegay of yellow daisies.

The groom was attended by Walker Smith, Geneseo, Kan.

A reception was held at the home of the bride following the ceremony. Mrs. Harmon wore a navy blue linen dress, white linen hat and navy and white accessories for a traveling costume.

Mrs. Harmon is a graduate of Newton high and attended Empire State College where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Adpha sorority. She studied at the American academy of dramatic arts in New York city.

Mr. Harmon is a graduate of Thornton academy, attended the University of Maine and is a graduate of the Northeastern School of Accounting, Portland. He is employed by Stephen W. Sawyer CPA in Portland.

Wednesday, February 29, 1956

Otto L. Carter Dies At Age Of 67 Years

Otto L. Carter, 67, a resident of 25 Cross street, Saco, employed by the Boston and Maine railroad for 46 years, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital.

He was born in this city, the son of Warren and Katherine (Skilling) Carter, and was educated in local schools. He was employed as a fireman and engineer by the Boston and Maine railroad for many years. A member of the Foss street Methodist church, he was also a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., York chapter, Maine council, Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Anchor club and the Maine Association of Railroad Veterans.

Surviving besides his widow, Mrs. Martha (Whitehead) Carter, are: one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Northway, Woburn, Mass.; six sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Whitney, Pinellas, Park, Fla., Mrs. Nellie M. Foss, Portland, Mrs. Srabelle Eckart, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Rachel Godfrey, Meredith, N. H., Mrs. Ula Grenfell, Ohio, Mrs. Alta Haynes, Auburn; one grandson; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Thursday afternoon and evening.

July 16, 1956

THIRTY YEARS AGO

The Misses Dorothy Lamson, Josephine Towne and Ruth Towne, Saco girls, who are Thornton academy students are employed at Bennett's Old Orchard Beach for the summer vacation.

Former State Commissioner Of Health Dies At Biddeford

BIDDEFORD, Aug. 22—Dr. Clarence F. Kendall, 80, former state commissioner of health and a practicing physician for more than 55 years, died tonight in a local hospital.

Doctor Kendal graduated from the Maine Medical School in 1901 and was one of York County's oldest retired physicians.

He was born here Jan. 15, 1876, the son of Lucius and Adesta Hall Kendall. He was graduated from Biddeford High School in 1894 and Bowdoin College in 1898, where he was rated as one of the college's leading track stars and served as captain of the track and field team, as well as being a varsity football player.

Doctor Kendall served as an interne at the Maine General Hospital in Portland, practiced in Jonesport for two years and in this city from 1905 to 1917. He was commissioned a major during World War I and served as chief surgeon of the US Coastal Defense in Portland. He later served overseas as surgeon of the 72nd Coast Artillery.

After being city physician here, he was appointed district health officer for the State Department of Health in 1920 and 1921. The same year, he was named commissioner of health for the State of Maine, serving two terms. He was also connected with a CCC camp in Vermont for six years and for 10 years was with the U. S. Dept. of Public Health. He retired in 1946.

The local United Spanish Veterans War Camp is named for his father, Lucius H. Kendall, a colonel during the Spanish-American war. In 1903, he married Annie L. Norton of Jonesport, who died four years ago.

He was a member of the Second Congregational Church, an honorary member of Dunlap Lodge, AF & AM, Scottish Rite, York Arch Chapter, OEF of Augusta; American Medical Association and York County Medical Association.

He is survived by a son, Otis A. Kendall of Wellesley, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Lucia K. Berry of St. Petersburg, Fla., and two granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Dunlap Lodge, F and AM, Scottish Rite, York Royal Arch chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Augusta the American Medical Association, a member and past president of the York County Medical association and the Tighe-Beaudoin-Farley post, American Legion.

Surviving are one son, Otis A. Kendall, Wellesly, Mass.; one daughter, Mrs. Lucia K. Berry, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Clayton W. Cousens, Great Neck, Long Island; two granddaughters, one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.



Thursday, August 23, 1956 Rites Saturday For Dr. Clarence Kendall, Retired Physician

Dr. Clarence F. Kendall, 80, a resident of 68 Birch street, former state commissioner of health and a practicing physician for more than 55 years, died Wednesday evening at a local hospital.

A native of this city, the son of Lucius and Adesta (Hall) Kendall, he graduated from Biddeford high school in 1894 and from Bowdoin college in 1898. While at Bowdoin he was an outstanding track star and was captain of the track and field team. He was also a member of the varsity football team.

In 1901 he graduated from the Maine Medical school and served as an intern at the Maine General hospital, Portland. For two years he practiced at Jonesport and in this city from 1905 to 1917.

He was commissioned a major in the Army during World War I and served as chief surgeon of the U. S. Coastal Defense in Portland. Later he served overseas as surgeon of the 72nd Coastal Artillery.

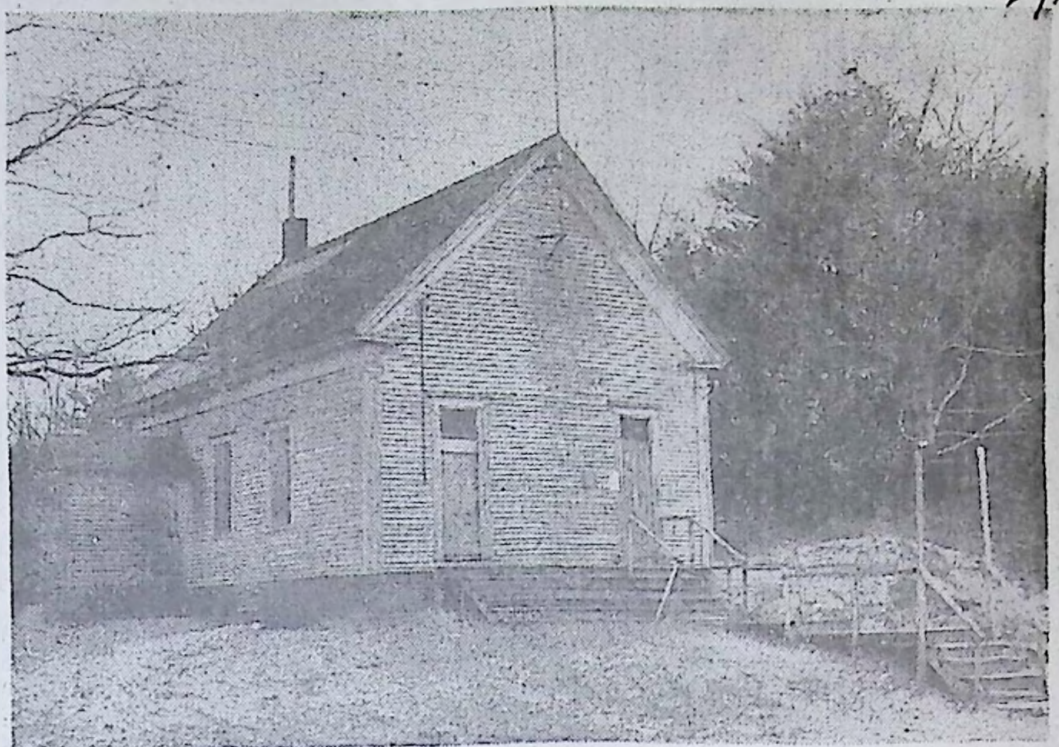
City Physician Here

After being city physician in this city he was appointed district health officer for the State Department of Health in 1920 and 1921. The same year he was named commissioner of health for the state and served two terms. He was also connected with the CCC camp in Vermont for six years and for 10 years with the U. S. Department of Public Health. He was married in 1903 to the former Annie L. Norton, Jonesport, who died four years ago.

Dr. Kendall retired in 1946 and was one of the oldest retired physicians in York county.

The local United Spanish War Veterans camp was named for his father, Lucius H. Kendall, a colonel during the Spanish-American War.

He was a member of the Second Congregational church, past master and honorary member of



In The Way Of Progress

The old Pool Road School, used for the past 27 years or more as the Ward 1 polling place, will be in the way of the new road to be constructed this summer, so must go, according to Mayor Albert C. Lambert. It hasn't been used as a school since 1926. (By Staff Photographer Dexter)

JULY 21, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Tuck-Ferguson house, 38 Jefferson street, corner Adams street, was built in 1848 by Jonathan Tuck, who was then Biddeford's postmaster. Later he was Biddeford's representative in the State Legislature, and then was elected in 1860 as Biddeford's fourth mayor. He died in office in January, 1861. The house was long occupied by Dr. M. H. Ferguson. Its general lines, including the front columns, are very much as they were in 1848. Incidentally, such columns were characteristic of three striking homes built in Biddeford in 1848, namely the Field-Hurd house, the Tuck-Ferguson house, and one built by Dr. James Sawyer that was torn down in 1939. Dr. Sawyer's house stood on the site of the present Telephone Building on Jefferson street.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

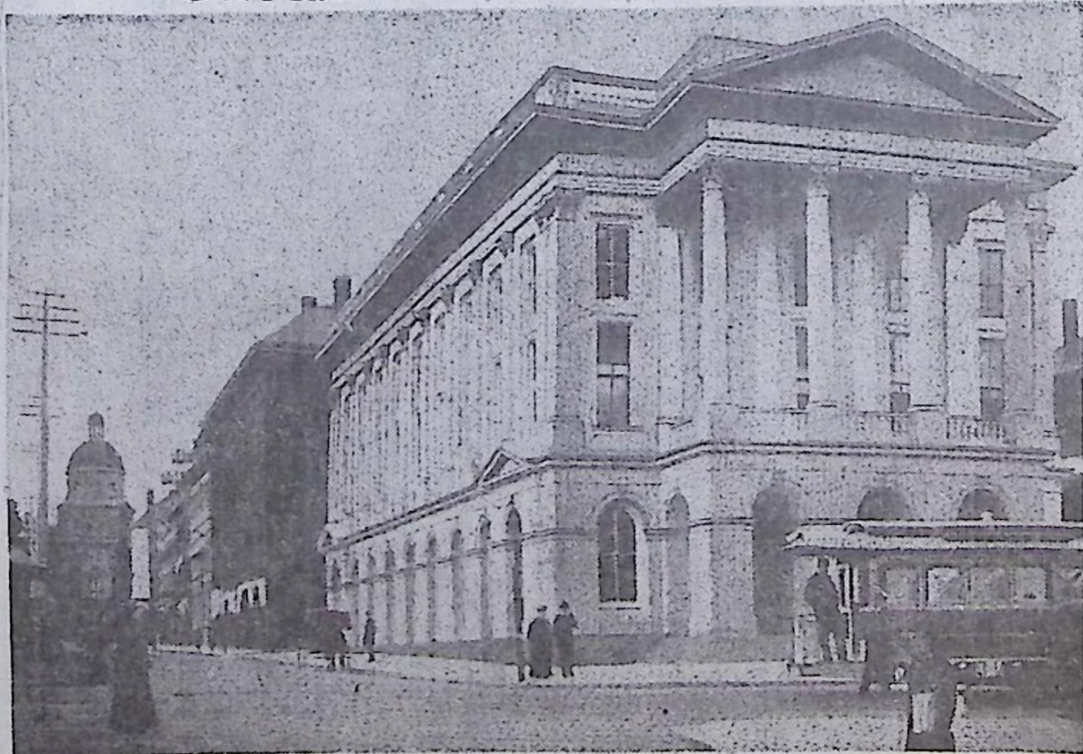


TAKING A BREATH from their studies to pose for this souvenir picture was this group of Thornton academy students, representing the class of 1892. Shown are, first row, left to right, Fred H. Bean, Frank W. H. Kendrick, Guy Mills, Coburn, Hovey Hill, Andrus Floyd, Herman Boothby, C. Wilson Place, Ralph Calef. Second row same order, Charles H. Sawyer, Henry Dennett, George Bean, Alice Gilpatrick, Edith Kelly,

Arlie Foss, — Goodwin. Third row, same order, Josephine Weymouth, Ina Dennett, Miss Lamb, —, Miss Shaw. Fourth row, usual order, Maude Burnham, Gertrude Lane, —, Nellie Carpenter, —, Lizzie Marshall. Top, right corner, Jessie Shackford. Standing on the left, —. The photo is the property of C. Wilson Place, Ferry road, Saco.

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Tuesday, April 24, 1956

ONCE UPON A TIME...



It's A Changed Exchange Street

Look north here on Exchange St., from the intersection of Middle and you probably recognize the view easily enough, though it is not the same today. This 50-year-old picture, if altered to fit the present, would still have the light color stone building at the right, behind the trolley. It was the city's main Post Office then. At the end of Exchange St., on Congress, is the former City Hall, burned in 1908. It was replaced four years later on the same spot. The old Post Office now houses federal offices. (From a card submitted by Ruth Chaplin, Steep Falls)

Howard H. Dolby Dies At Age Of 81

Howard Hiram Dolby, 81, of 108 Bradley street, Saco, a retired painting contractor and life-long resident of that city, died at a local hospital this morning after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Saco, the son of the late Hiram and Abbie (Gates) Dolby one of Saco's oldest families. He was educated in the Saco schools and Gray's Business college, Portland.

For many years he served as a member of the Saco fire department Ladder 1 company and as a member of the board of engineers of the department. He was active for many years in the former York County Wheelmen's association and was one of the last surviving members of that group. He was a member of Unity lodge, Knights of Pythias, and was an attendant of the Saco United Baptist church.

Besides his widow, Lilla E. Dolby, he leaves a son, Mahlon Dolby, Saco, and three granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at the Denne't and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Friends may call there Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Saturday, June 2, 1956

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Rye

BENJAMIN C. SHAW

SACO, June 1 — Benjamin Choate Shaw, 71, a resident of 312 Elm St., Biddeford, died in a local hospital this afternoon after a short illness.

A retired research engineer at the Saco-Lowell Shops, Mr. Shaw was born in Lowell, Mass., Nov. 4, 1884, the son of Ralph and Mary Choate Shaw.

He attended Lowell Technical Institute and entered the textile business in that city in 1904. From Lowell he went to Palmer, Mass., as superintendent of the textile plant in that city. Later he became plant manager of two mills in Palmer. He came to Saco-Lowell shops about 20 years ago. His greatest interest was in the successful perfection of the Shaw spinning frame. He retired about five years ago.

He was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Kora Temple Shrine, Maine Council, Knights Templar, York Chapter, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rites, Blue Lodge of Saco, Past President of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, Biddeford Elks, Annette Chapter, OES, Saco, former president of the New England Textile Society.

Surviving is his widow, Bessie Kimball Shaw, one son, Ben-

BIDDEFORD, MAINE WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 29, 1953

Way Back When--In Old Orchard Beach



Once a familiar sight on the streets of Old Orchard Beach, Tom and Jerry, as handsome a team of horses as ever hauled an ice wagon, are shown here taking a leisurely stroll along the beach sands after delivering their day's supply of ice. They are hitched to one of the W. J. C. Milliken Co. ice teams which catered to the Beach trade at the time. They have since disappeared from the

scene, and Charles Huot, with motorized equipment, has taken over the ice delivery to a number of cabins and cottages where mechanical refrigeration has not yet been installed. Those whose taste runs to chipped ice or ice cubes have to look elsewhere for their supply. This picture is from the collection of Edwin Dixon.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

BIDDEFORD, MAINE SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3

Way Back When--In York County



Here is a picture of the York County Grand Jury which sat in 1920-21. Among them were many well-known personalities, many of whom are still living. Front row, left to right: John Baxter, foreman, Kittery Point; Franklin R. Chesley, county attorney, Saco; J. C. Ayer, Cornish; C. N. Fenderson, Wells; M. E. Murray, Berwick; F. A. Dubois, Biddeford. Second row: D. E. Garland,

sheriff, Parsonfield; W. E. Dixon, Eliot; James Garland, Saco; F. O. K. Smith, Hollis; F. B. Randall, Old Orchard; B. E. Parker, Sanford; Alfred Pombriant, Biddeford. Third row: Ernest Day, Acton; Fred A. Garnsey, Sanford; W. E. Ford, East Lebanon; E. L. Smith, Kennebunkport; Henry Marble, Alfred; F. E. Atkins, Kennebunkport.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Journal, Saturday, May 12, 1956

Briefs

Rites Monday For Mrs. Myron Savage

Mrs. Marion Clara Savage, wife of former Saco Mayor Myron E. Savage, 30 Thornton avenue, Saco, died at a local hospital Friday evening at the age of 64.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Arthur and Leone (Holmes) Murphy and was an attendant of the Saco United Baptist church. She was a charter member and past matron of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Stars, a member of the Past Matrons association, the Delta Alpha club.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Arthur Edward and Myron Calman, both of Saco, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday evening.

Portland (Me.) Press Herald,

Thursday, May 17, 1956

FRANK W. PURDY

SACO, May 16 — Frank W. Purdy, 62, of 95 Middle St., a quality control engineer at Pepperell Manufacturing Co., died in a Biddeford hospital today.

He had been employed by Pepperell 23 years and was a member of its Foremen's Club. An amateur magician, he had performed sleight-of-hand tricks at many a local function.

He was a member of the Biddeford-Saco Magicians' Club, the Academy of Magical Arts & Sciences, and several other magicians' societies. He belonged also to the United Baptist Church Saco; and the Knights of Pythias and Masons at Fall River, Mass.

He came here 26 years ago from Fall River, where he was born Jan. 15, 1894, son of Harley and Mary E. Murphy Purdy.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alice Holmes Purdy; three children, Mrs. Robert Kemball, Mrs. Richard Braley and James F. Purdy, Saco; a brother, Ralph Purdy, Fall River; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at 35 Spring St., with burial in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

ial, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1958

Miss Vara Ladd

Miss Vara Ladd, a Saco native and fancy goods store operator for many years, died Monday afternoon in a local hospital after a brief illness. She resided at 27 Storer street, Saco.

Born the daughter of Walter and Susie (Wentworth) Ladd, she was educated in the Saco schools. Later she joined the staff operated by her mother. She continued to operate the store with her late sister until it was sold several years ago.

Survivors include several cousins.

JULY 9, 1927.

A Little Girl of the Sixties.

In the early sixties, I was an exceedingly small girl, living in a country village in York county, Maine. My father was a lawyer with a promising practice and was also what has frequently been rare in this state, a Democrat, a war Democrat at that. The latter term meant a man, who, while a Democrat, believing in states' rights and the principles of the party, stood for the preservation of the Union and the upholding of the flag. My father closed his law office, recruited a company of volunteers and received a commission as captain in a Maine regiment. After several months spent in camp at Augusta, his regiment was ordered south and I well recall my mother's grief and my childish despair when he left his little family behind.

Months passed, with various reverses to the northern army, and our village was torn with anxiety and doubt, as well as with gossip of the most bitter kind. As a child of seven, I was made to feel that father's political views were the cause of northern defeats. There was one elderly woman who on all possible occasions questioned me in a way which I instinctively resented. I never told mother, for I realized that she was passing through deep waters and I kept still when the children, taking their cue from home, derided me and with the brutality of youth and ignorance made unkind and insulting speeches about father.

Owing to war conditions and circumstances, the mails from the far South were irregular and weeks would pass with no letter from him and no remittance of the money he intended to send each month. Mother lost her color and her eyes grew sad and sadder, as the days went by, for she feared illness and death. I caught her anxiety and worry, too, and when old Mrs. Blank said spitefully, in my hearing, one day, that for her part, she hadn't a doubt he had deserted to the "Secesh" army, it nearly broke my heart, and I was filled with feelings of hatred for the woman that appeal to me as I look back upon that fearful time.

Finally, one hot August day, a feeble, emaciated man was helped from the stage which connected the village with the railroad and was almost carried up the path to our door by the husky driver. I ran to my bedroom and hid my face in the pillows to stifle my sobs. I heard a cry from my mother and then all was still. By and by my name was called and I went timidly into her room and was clasped in father's arms. I could not explain my action in running away at first but I heard mother telling him I had been a brave child and a great help to her. Years afterward she told me the history of those horrid months, of her suffering from suspense and unkind gossip, and, what was far better, of the faithful friends who stood by her in her hour of need.

Father recovered his health and strength and received an appointment as post adjutant at a receiving camp near Portland. The site of that camp

is now occupied by rolling mills, and what was then a level tract, dotted with white tents and barracks, is now a village of homes for the workmen and their families.

When father left for his new appointment he arranged for us to follow him, for both he and mother felt that a happier time than last year was due to us all. There were four

children and for a time we boarded in a house just outside the lines, until the landlady was taken ill and a change was necessary. Every home was filled and there seemed to be no place for us, for the city was too far away and too expensive in wartime.

It looked as if we must go back to our country home for the winter and mother nearly lost her courage, for she felt that it would be next to impossible for her to endure a repetition of the last 12 months. Many plans were proposed and laid aside, and one afternoon some official ladies from the city were calling, and one of them said rather jokingly to mother, "Why don't you go into camp this winter? Women have done it in other places and it would be so romantic and interesting, you know!"

This chance remark gave mother an idea which she was quick and clever enough to grasp, for she had plenty of what our New England grandfathers called faculty, and before father came home that night she had her plans ready. She presented the matter to him with such convincing eloquence that two weeks later we were snugly tucked away in our winter quarters, at the upper end of the camp. Fortunately children realize little of the unpleasantness involved in moving and changing homes, and it was all like a story book, with a delightful Swiss Family Robinson flavor.

I can see that little home as if it were but yesterday, and you may picture to yourself a long, low frame building of one story, with just four rooms, side by side, each with an outside door, but not connected. It was far more rough and primitive than any beach cottage, for it had only one thickness of unplanned boarding for walls, doors that hasped on the inside, tiny windows of one sash, and no chimneys at all. Country fashion, the house was banked up high all around with earth and sawdust to keep out the wind and cold, and fir and hemlock boughs were brought from the woods to conceal the unsightly protection.

An exceedingly large room at one end was taken up for sleeping room and nursery, and I watched the men fill up the cracks and knot holes in walls and floor with much interest. Several thicknesses of paper were put on the floor, then clean straw, and for a carpet were condemned army blankets. On one side of the room were bunks or berths, which were fitted up for us children to sleep in, and in another corner mother's big bed, a haven when one felt ill or frightened.

There were many homely but convenient contrivances planned by mother and carried out by the private soldier who was a sort of general factotum, or Man Friday, for the establishment. He made wooden pegs for hanging up clothes, long box-like divans, wherein mother laid her gowns and our best clothes, and cunning corner cupboards in every possible place.

The next was living and dining room all in one, with the blanket carpet here covered with a gaudy drugget. Real windows were put in this room and a paneled door with a neat brown knob, which seemed to us a last touch of elegance. Connecting doors were cut between the rooms, and the big kitchen was a wonder for convenience and lack of finish. The last room was used as a woodshed and dumping ground for odds and ends. I must not forget the coal range in the kitchen and the funny round camp stoves, in the living room and nursery, regular fiends, all appetite

and no cheer. Great, cylinder-like affairs that a man could lift alone, but which on windy days ate up coal by the camp-kettle full and yawned for more. Behind these, the men built a low seat for us children, which they named the "deacon's seat," from the logging camps, and where we sat in imminent danger of burning our knees or our dresses if the stoves became red hot.

We settled down very comfortably in our new quarters, and life seemed gay and busy to us all. We had lessons every morning, and Anabel and I must sew and knit each day, in the fashion of the time, though our tasks were small, as suited our tender years. How I hated this lust, and when the band played I became reckless and threw the knitting into a corner, while I pranced and danced like a wild thing.

There were many hours, however, to be spent amid the sights and sounds of the camp, so novel to us, and such pleasures have never been mine since. Often we walked down the broad road. The camp ground had been a race track years before and down below the parade ground, to the harbor front, where the waves came tumbling up from the lower bay, green, cold and glittering in the sun, a never-ending wonder and delight to us, inland born and bred. What if there was no beach and at low tide only a dreary waste of mud flats; when that same wonderful tide came creeping back, the marvel more than repaid us.

Dress parade was ever a new and interesting spectacle, with the band playing its loudest and every recruit doing his bravest and best, as they went through the daily drill to fit the green regiments for their coming southern campaign. On pleasant days fine turnouts filled with elegant women and pretty girls and drawn by prancing horses came out from towns, and sometimes a dashing belle on horseback cantered by, followed by a groom or attendant cavalier, and took up a position to watch the drill.

On rainy days, when mother forbade us to go to parade, we held high revels in the woodshed. Dragging a chubby younger sister in my train, I performed wild and original dances to the martial music, or, seated on a sawhorse, with a long veil tied around my head, I dreamed of being on a fiery steed, surrounded by admiring gallants in the blue uniform I loved.

Later in the season there were great expanses of level ground covered with water, after the heavy fall rains, which froze and formed immense sheets of perfectly glare ice, splendid for skating and sliding. Here we played for hours in sight of our windows, and hither came beauty and belledom again, with a train of young men in shoulder straps and brass buttons, for there is ever a fascination about the military, and since the days of the earliest campaigns, the martial man has had his many advantages.

One vivid recollection is the very genuine grief felt when a regiment left for the seat of war. It seemed to me a dreadful bourne from which no traveler ever returned, and my beloved soldiers might be devoured by wild beasts, for I had heard of the rebel guerrillas, and confounded them with gorillas, pictures of which I had seen and pondered over, with a thrill of fear. I always sought some conspicuous spot from which I could witness the departure, and there I sat, sobbing and crying as if every man was my nearest and dear-

est relative. Nobody seemed to realize the absorbing tragical interest felt in this performance, until a friend of the family, who was present at the ceremony one day, overheard a nervous, testy officer exclaim, "I wish somebody would send that child home. She's enough to hoodoo the whole regiment, crying so." After that I was kept at home and could only press my face against the window pane and listen through my weeping for the strains of "The Girl I Left Behind Me," as the troops marched away over the long bridge.

The nights before a regiment left were very exciting, when the guard was doubled and one could hear the steady tramp of feet on the frozen ground just above the house, when little camp fires were lighted, one for every two men on guard, so bitterly cold was the weather. One such night, I waked to hear sounds of running, cries of those in pursuit, the rattle of muskets, and finally a shot and a splash in the icy waters of the creek, while mother stood at the window, crying softly and peering out into the murky night.

"Somebody trying to run guard, that is all. Lie down and go to sleep, dear, we are all safe," was her answer to my frightened questioning. The next morning, when father came home to breakfast, we heard that one or two fellows, maddened by homesickness and drink, had made attempts to desert, but were brought back, chilled and half dead with fright and a drenching in the creek.

There were several families living in camp, the women acting as laundresses for the enlisted men, and their quarters clustered together formed what is called in regular army posts, Sudsville. As the children played on the ice and about the fields with us, we came to know them very well, each having her favorites, and gradually we came to know much of their home life. One in particular, whom I recall best of any, was little Johnny Dugan, who was always ready to pull our sleds and play camp and soldier.

The big Irish private, Mike Moriarty, to whom my mother had been most kind through a severe illness, took charge usually of our outings, and devoted himself to our welfare and entertainment. Every afternoon, when not on regular duty, he would come round to the kitchen door and ask for Herself, meaning the lady of the house.

"Well, ma'am! there bez nawthin' doin', an' if yez loikes, o'd be glad to take out the childer for a bit of a sthroll."

We always received his proposition with yells of delight, for Mike was so patient and good natured, so tender to the feeble little brother of two years, who was sometimes trusted to him; and he knew such thrilling tales of fairies and banshees and all sorts of blood-curdling creatures. Indian stories in which I had previously revelled quite lost their charm as I watched him build big fires in the snow near the woods and construct snug camps of fir and spruce boughs, where we spent many happy hours in his company.

My mother and her guests found him equally entertaining and funny stories were told at dinner of his quaint sayings. Sometimes he brought a tale of woe for sympathetic ears: "Mrs. McGonigle's second oldest is tuk purty bad. An' would Herself joost sthep below for a second and cast her eye on it?"

Or "The Dugans are out of coal

intirely, an' the quartermaster will issue no more till Friday mornin'. Will the Colonel's lady please to tell 'em what they'll be afther doin'!"

And mother would tie her warm velvet hood over her brown hair and step below on various errands of mercy. Father laughed at her and said that Mike won her heart and aid by his shrewd promotion of his official title, and that he well knew "Colonel's lady" had a far sweeter sound in her ears than Mrs. Adjutant.

Indoors there was novelty enough to satisfy far more exacting souls than those of village children born and bred. We could not be shut out of the gay social life entirely, as much as mother would have liked it, and we were fast being spoiled by the gay young officers, who dearly loved to spend otherwise lonely evenings in our cosy home. As soon as dinner or high tea was over, we youngsters were tucked into our bunks to make room for the guests of the evening. The two younger ones of course quickly dropped off to sleep, and my good little sister Anabel would gladly have followed suit, for she was a model of virtue and decorum and could be depended upon to do the proper thing.

I used to bulldoze her into keeping awake for a time, at least, that I might have a spectator for my performances. Owing to the thinness of the partition walls, we were really deprived of few of the social privileges of the occasion. However, my vanity stood in little danger of undue encouragement, as the visitors always decided that black-eyed little Em was the prettiest, Anabel the best behaved, and the boy the smartest.

One night, a dinner party was going on, with a highly decorated general for chief guest. Great had been the preparations in our humble dwelling, and we children were fed and shut into the nursery at an early hour. As a great favor, a hanging lamp, which I could not reach, climb I ever so boldly, had been left lighted, for mother well knew that there would be no sleep for me for some time.

A large basket filled with luscious red apples had been sent to us children, and to keep them away from our greedy fingers and the rats, as well as to prevent freezing, the basket had been hoisted up and placed on boards which were laid across the timbers in one corner of the nursery. The small timbers or joists ran around the room at intervals from floor to the ridgepole, for we had no second story. Far above the floor was a large knot-hole in the partition to which I had discovered that I could climb from the headboard of the bed. By clinging to the rough timbers, I could manage to look directly down on the dining table and the august party there assembled. I had taken more than one peep, reporting in a guarded voice the proceedings to the plump Anabel, who sat comfortably in the bunk, a passive but highly entertained audience. I soon began to tire even of the general's somewhat unusual table manners, and thought of the apples with longing. Like an earlier Eve, I was tempted and laid my plans accordingly. I walked, or crept, very gingerly, along the narrow joist on one side of the partition, the God who looks after children protecting me, till I reached the goal. Then I waved a triumphant hand at Anabel, picked out several large red apples, tossed them on the bed and started to return. Evidently

Providence was weary or absent-minded, or what is less frivolous and more probable, I became dizzy from the heat of the stove, for I stumbled, caught the basket to save myself, and down came basket, apples and small girl, all in a bunch. Such a crash and a silence for a moment, broken only by a stifled wail from Anabel, then I was picked up, half-stunned, by mother and her guests, who hunted for broken bones.

I made light of the whole proceeding, remarking loftily, "Those apples should never have been put up there. And Anabel is a scared cat or I would not have tumbled." To me it was only an episode in the exciting life we led.

(To be continued)

Estelle M. Tatterson.

Journal, Tuesday, August 7, 1956



Charles O. Ford

Former State Representative Charles O. Ford, 81, of 15 Winter street, Saco, an ex-president and treasurer of the Maine Antique Dealers association and prominent in Foss street Methodist church circles here for many years, died this morning at his home after an extended illness.

He was a native of Fairfield, N. Y. He was married to the former Miss Alice Hurd, Goodwins Mills, in 1892. He moved here in 1912 and a short time later went to Saco where he lived since. He was engaged in the antique business for over 30 years.

While active in the affairs of the Foss street Methodist church, of which he was a member, he served the church society as a deacon, parish treasurer and treasurer of the board of trustees.

A Republican all his life, he was a member of the Saco Republican City committee and a former chairman of that group. He served the city of Saco as a state representative for two terms during the Governor Lewis O. Barrows administration.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Edith F. Sawyer, South Portland, and Mrs. Louise Fetting, Saco; five grandchildren, Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Devon, Pa., Mrs. Donn H. Worth, New Britain, Conn., Mrs. Howard Reiche, Jr., Portland, Payson and Charles Sawyer, South Portland, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Foss street Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2.

JULY 22, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Octagon House, 90 Hill street, was built early in 1850 by George Washington Peirson, who was the son of Samuel Peirson. Samuel Peirson had been secretary to General George Washington during the siege of Boston in 1775 and 1776. Samuel Peirson was intensely patriotic and named his oldest son after General Washington, and his second son after Thomas Jefferson. The old man was still living at the time his son built this house, and was still to be seen on the streets of Biddeford wearing the Colonial "small clothes"—scarlet knee-breeches, three-cornered black hat, dark blue swallowtail coat and ruffled white shirt that men wore in George Washington's day. The eight-sided architecture of this house is especially interesting because it reflects the views of a famous American phrenologist whose lectures were heard with interest by such men as Horace Greeley, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman. Fowler lectured in Biddeford and Saco during two weeks in 1848 and the next year published a book recommending what he called "The Octagon Mode" for building houses. He argued that an eight-sided house got more sunlight than a four-sided one, and his ideas led to a number of such houses being built, particularly in the valley of the Hudson River in New York state. Two were built in 1850 in Biddeford, the one on Hill street still standing, and another on the southeast corner of Alfred and Birch which burned down in 1851. The AMVETS home now occupies the site. George Washington Peirson died in 1861. His octagon house later became the home of the Civil War veteran, Nathan O. Kendall, who occupied it for more than 50 years.

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Friday, June 22, 1956

Howard M. Jones

Howard M. Jones, 83, of 9 Chapel street, a lifelong local resident and proprietor of the A. Jones and Son upholstery shop, 11 Chapel street, one of the oldest concerns of its kind in Southwestern Maine, died suddenly at his home Thursday evening.

He was born here, the son of Abial and Susan (Merrill) Jones. After attending local schools, he entered the employ of his father at his upholstery place of business. At the death of his father several years ago, Mr. Jones continued to operate the business. He was employed at his trade of an upholsterer for

over 50 years.

For many years he was interested in sports, including local schoolboy contests and boxing cards sponsored by local promoters.

He was a member of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M., Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, Kora Temple, Mystic Order of the Shrine, Lewiston, and Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows. He was an attendant of the Second Congregational church.

Besides his widow, the former Mary F. James, he leaves two daughters, the Misses Mary D. and Barbara Jones, this city; a son, Howard M. Jones, and a grandson, Howard C. Jones, of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2. Friends may call there this afternoon and evening.

JULY 16, 1927.

A Little Girl of the Sixties.

(Continued)

As Christmas approached, we had many anxious moments, wondering whether or no Santa Claus could get past the guard, and teasing spirits among the officers used to express their fears as to his probable success. Dear little black-eyed Emily would creep close to the side of every military caller and anxiously inquire his opinion of the matter. One day, when a visiting general of division was paying his respects in our cosy home, with several officers of his staff, she stood at his side waiting and he took her on his knee while he chatted with his hostess. There was a moment's silence in the rapidly darkening room, and then came a plaintive little voice, "But, general, who'll tell Santa Claus the counter-sense?"

"I will, my dear baby," quoth the gay old warrior, and he evidently kept his promise and told him that and other things, for when Christmas morning came tokens were left that no one but a general could have mentioned to the Christmas saint.

It was the night before the holiday, clear, cold and beautiful, and in our simple home the preparations had been somewhat elaborate in the way of cakes, pies, puddings and all sorts of goodies. Mike's friends below had received much attention and baskets of good things were already packed to be carried to them in the morning. The offering for Johnny Dugan was an irresistible tin trumpet and some red mittens that outshone his hair.

In the kitchen the dinner for the next day hung from the beams, far above marauding rats, for they were very plenty about the camp, half as big as cats, and as fierce as little wolves. A stately goose, which always grazed our Christmas board, was the bright, particular bird of our dreams, and was flanked on either side by a plump chicken.

Mother said to Mike, when he was bringing them up just before dark, "The rats will gnaw the string if you hang them on there."

"Civil a bit will they ate copper wire, an' 'tis that I am hanging the birds to, men!" he answered, with a playful chuckle.

Company was coming in the shape of a dear, delightful young auntie, a pretty, jolly girl with waving hair and dark eyes, who was fond of us and enjoyed making every one around her happy. The two youngest children were nestled all snug in their bunks, with visions of Santa Claus and everything nice in their drowsy heads. Father had gone to town to meet the expected guest, and Mike had lured mother down to Sudsville, under his very efficient protection, for something had happened down there which was so bad and sad that they whispered over it, and then said the good Samaritan, "I'll go, Mike, poor soul—oh, it is certainly pitiful with all those children! Now, daughter," to me, "Mrs. Dugan is very, very sick, and I am needed down there. You can go to bed, or lie on the couch with sister Anabel, or sit up. I'll come back just as soon as I can, but you'll be perfectly safe. Don't touch the stove, and if you should get frightened, open the outside door and shout, 'Guard number five!' It's Jim Rogers on this post, and he'll run right in, and be sure and do not touch the lamp."

After these cautions and directions, she gave me a big illustrated book of travels for amusement, and set out with Mike.

Anabel cuddled down comfortably on the couch and slept, but there was no such balm in Gilead for me, for my nerves were ever on the alert. I heard noises, nails snapped in the crackling cold, an inquisitive rat went romping through the tinware in the kitchen, there were queer, uncanny shadows at the windows, and I was a scared little girl, with an imagination that was on the rampage. Half-past eight came, the baby had cried for a drink, as babies always do in emergencies, and I had carried it to him in fear and trembling. I turned over the leaves of the big book of travel and lingered at one picture that always held me with a sort of horrid fascination. It was of a Russian woman, who was dashing along in a sledge drawn by three terrified horses and pursued by a pack of howling wolves. One by one, she threw her children out to save her own worthless life. How I shuddered as I gazed and rehearsed the dreadful tragedy, for although I was perfectly confident of my mother's love, a gruesome thought remained with me that I was the naughtiest of her children and that this inhuman wretch had thrown away the most troublesome one first, which reflection added a ghastly interest to the scene depicted.

Suddenly there came quick footsteps creaking in the snow, a hasty knock, and before I could rise from my chair the door was thrown open and my delighted eyes beheld Lieutenant Crossman, a tall, handsome fellow, who was the very idol of my childish soul, for he never teased and always treated me like what he called me, "My Little Lady." With a glad cry I flew to meet him. He held out his arms and took me up,—"Well, well, girlie, were you getting a little lonely? Poor little duffer! Mamma told me you were alone with the little chicks. She can't come home yet, and they told me at the guardhouse that your father hadn't come out from town. Train is late, I guess, Miss Muffet." He threw aside his military cape and sat down to cheer me up a little. We talked about the morrow and the coming auntie, concerning whom he displayed

a flattering curiosity. All at once I heard sleigh bells, and crying, "There she is!" I ran to open the door. The lieutenant stepped modestly back, and a hack dashed past with galloping horses, reins trailing on the snow, no driver on the box, and in the light from the open door behind, I saw for an instant the pale face and great, black, frightened eyes of my Aunt Helen.

"'Tis auntie! Oh, help her!" But before the words had passed my lips he rushed by me, racing like the wind after the terrified horses and calling to the men on guard. It all happened in an instant. I saw the quick dash over the intervening drifts to cut off the team, which swept around the beaten track. The horses plunged madly toward the embankment, which sloped to the water. The heavy coach was thrown against a pile of logs, but he caught the frantic beasts by the heads and held them till the men, who were running from every direction, relieved him. But what riveted my attention was a dark, motionless mass that lay just this side the overturned hack. I watched the lieutenant stoop over it for a second, then he lifted

something in his strong arms and hurried with long strides toward our house. It was my dear aunt, senseless, and as I thought, quite dead, as he bore her in and gently placed her on the couch, from which I had routed Anabel very hastily. Her eyes were closed, the long black lashes swept the pale cheeks, and from a tiny wound on her forehead trickled a little stream of scarlet. As deftly as a woman he unfastened her heavy traveling wrap, while I struggled with her ever-soles. Then, stepping to the door, he gave an order or two to the men outside and came back.

"Now, Lady Bird, keep cool and be a little woman, find your mother's smelling salts and see if we can scare up any brandy in the house. Don't be scared, auntie is only stunned," continued he, poking away in a tiny cupboard out of reach of little hands, work applying restoratives, with such skill and success that long before mother and Dr. Mills came Aunt Helen had opened her eyes and had kindly consented to talk a little and blush a great deal. The lieutenant seemed to like it and became busier than ever in his attempts to provide for her comfort, and he really seemed quite vexed when the surgeon came. How everybody laughed when I said, "Excuse me, but nobody has introduced Lieutenant Crossman to Aunt Helen. She is Miss Coolidge, really." And while Dr. Mills was putting little strips of plaster on auntie's forehead, just under a pretty black curl, I heard mother say, with a naughty twinkle in her eye, to my dear hero, "What privileges surgeons sometimes have, and doesn't the doctor just enjoy that," while Jack Crossman twisted his handsome moustache till I really feared for it. Father came in and explanations ensued—a change of timetables, a green driver and frightened horses—these were the causes of this exciting evening which resulted so happily, and at last the little home was quiet for the night. Oh, our dreams were something to be long remembered.

Christmas morning brought me many gifts; and after breakfast mother told us of the death of Mrs. Dugan and the new baby, and four poor little children left motherless just below. We set aside goodies from our stores and our choicest toys to take to the bereaved children. My chief treasure, however, I could not spare, and mother let me keep it, saying, "Bless your heart they would not care for it any way." It was a large copy of Robinson Crusoe, and when I opened it and read by name written in my father's bold characteristic hand, in a colored ink he much affected at that time, my last lingering remnant of faith in Santa Claus died a natural death. I have that shabby old book now, dog-eared and worn.

What a varied day that was! There was Aunt Helen, prettier than ever, thoroughly appreciating the attention she was receiving from several officers, but turning ever to Lieutenant Crossman as to an old friend, to his manifest undoing. There was the concert at 4 o'clock for the men, where the officers sang, recited and impersonated, with the ambitious basso pouring forth "The Heart Bowled Down," next to banjo variations of "Wake, Dinah, Wake." Then everybody sang lustily on the chorus of "Kingdom's Coming," and "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" was the latest popular song.

Father, proud of my abilities as an infant prodigy, had promised that I

should appear in a duet with himself. There was a neat little thing called "Blue-eyed Mary," which had engaged my vocal efforts from my earliest youth. In it some kind, musical friend, usually father, would tunelessly inquire,

"Oh, tell me, blue-eyed stranger,

Say, whither dost thou roam,

O'er this wide world a ranger,

Hast thou no friends or home?"

At which I was wont to pipe up in a childish treble, full of simulated despair:

"They called me Blue-eyed Mary,

When friends and fortunes smiled,

But, ah, how fortunes vary,

I now am sorrow's child."

Then our voices, at a melodious distance from each other, would take up the refrain and go wandering on, to the delight of ourselves, if not of our listeners. But alas for false hopes! We mounted the temporary platform—dad cheerfully propounded his musical conundrum, but the infant prodigy balked. In vain they coaxed and threatened; not a note did I produce. I simply couldn't, and my dear Lieutenant Jack picked me up and carried me out, muttering, "Last night was too much for the child! They might let her alone."

I was literally sorrow's child, and wept unrestrainedly on his shoulder, as he and auntie decided to take me home to save me the scolding they felt might be my portion. On the way home we stopped in at the Dugans, and I saw death for the first time, a sight never to be forgotten. There lay the mother and her babe, cold and dead, candles gleaming at head and feet, a strange and almost sacred reminder, coming on Christmas Day, of the Holy Mother and still more Holy Child. We stayed just a moment to speak to poor Dugan and then went home to find Mike waiting with a box for the lieutenant, which he at once presented to Aunt Helen, saying that they were late coming, but perhaps she would wear them at the military ball that night. And she did, for when I saw her later in her ball gown, something thin and white and fluffy, she wore not a jewel or ornament, but in the silken black hair and on the snowy bosom some small white Christmas roses.

The days just went dancing along while Auntie stayed with us, with sleighing parties and skating frolics, dancing and walking, and my lieutenant was a constant visitor. I heard mother talking to auntie very seriously once or twice, and I could not understand what it was all about, but I knew she was not nice to my dear friend, and I said to her once, "How can you be so unkind to Lieutenant Jack, auntie, after he saved you that awful night?" at which I saw the tears come into her dark eyes and she cuddled me up in her arms and hid her face in my hair. Child as I was, I knew something was wrong between them. I could not understand why mother should call him "Beau Crossman" and what she meant by "his victims." Aunt Helen went home just after that and his regiment was ordered south, and I was too busy binding up my own broken heart when he left to think about older people and their troubles. Dear Uncle Dudley, as he called himself, how I did love him that winter, and how good he was to us! We children all mourned for him, but as spring drew near and warmer weather approached, there were other sights and sounds to make us forget. We were to move into the city in May, that I might go to school properly, and when May came and we

passed over the long bridge from the camp for the last time, one forlorn little girl looked out across the water through her tears, seeing in her mind's eye the laughing young officer at the head of his men, tossing a last kiss to his little friends, and hearing in the ear of fancy the rattling of the drums and the shrilling of the fifes as the band played "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Life was most exciting during the first year or so in Portland. Going to school was a great event, city sights and sounds a continual delight to us, and, though the soldiers and camp life were missed, the many novelties on every hand made up for what we had lost. A grand concert given in the city hall on the Fourth of July by the public school children of Portland was to my country-bred eyes a tremendous event. It was given for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission in connection with a big fair and we all piped up our loudest and best. The Sanitary Commission in the Civil war practically filled the place which was occupied by the American Red Cross during the World war. Later on came the rejoicing over Lee's surrender, when the children of all sizes wore tiny American flags in hats or buttonholes, and the city rioted in bunting and bands, parades and bonfires. All too soon came the assassination of good President Lincoln and the city's joy was turned to mourning. On the morning when the news was heralded in the papers, my father and mother happened to be out of town and the paper lay on the doorstep unread and unnoticed by us children.

I went to school on Congress street in a large brick building, and the sidewalk in front was filled with groups of girls and boys. All unknowing of the dreadful tragedy, I joined them, when, to my surprise and alarm, my hat was snatched from my head and, pointing to the little flag which still adorned it from the recent rejoicing, they shouted: "You wicked thing! You're glad the president is shot!" When they finished my poor hat was nothing but a wreck. A teacher came to my rescue and heard my whimpering explanation that I did not know what had happened the night before, that my people were away from home, and she finally pacified the frantic mob of children.

Oh, those were parlous times, indeed!

Estelle M. Tatterson.

AUGUST 15, 1957

Mrs. Walter Tufts

Mrs. Helen Bond Tufts, 71, widow of Walter L. Tufts, Sr., died Wednesday noon at the home of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth F. Tufts, South Lincoln, Mass. She was a former Biddeford resident.

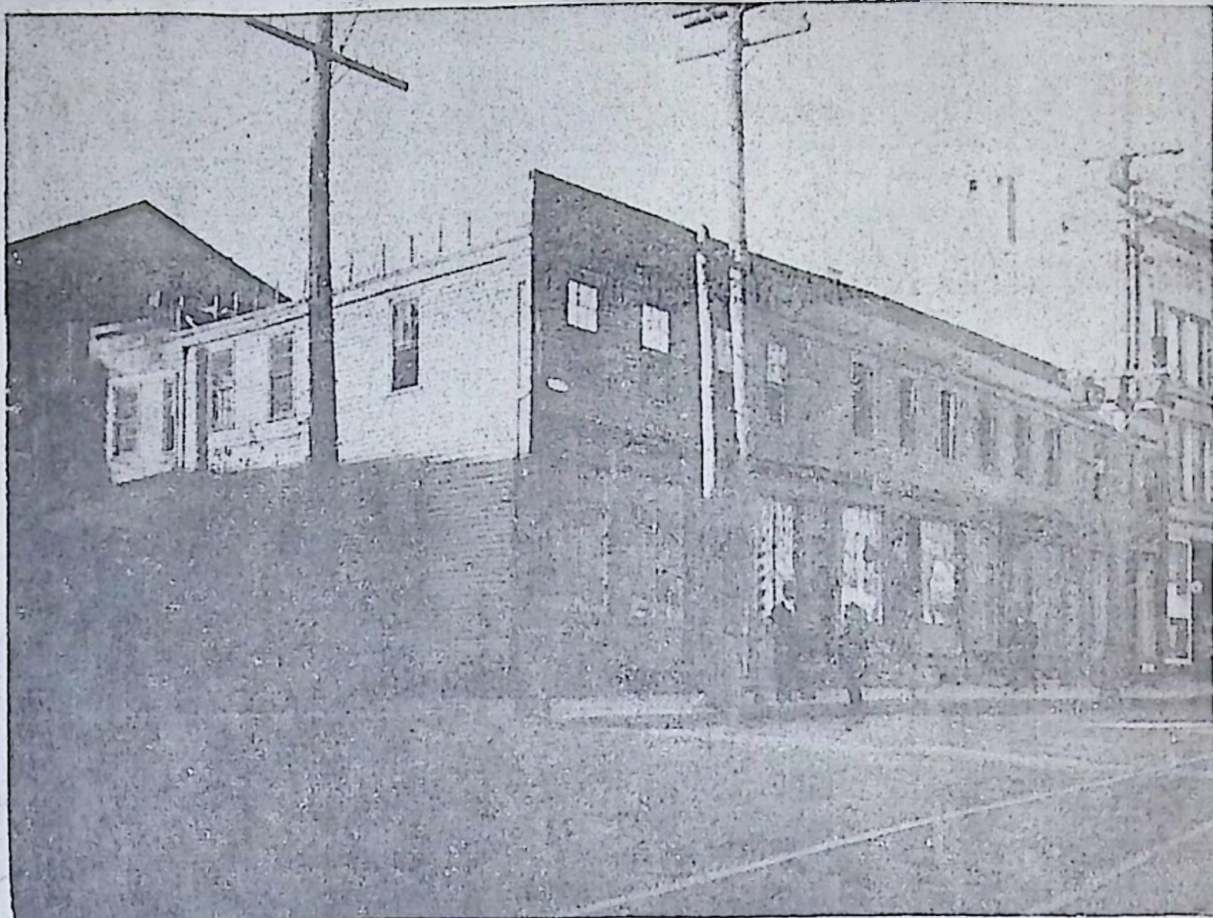
Born here, the daughter of Frank and Annie (Bond) Cole, she was a member of the First Universalist church and was church organist for many years. She was a member of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her daughter, Elizabeth F. Tufts, with whom she resided; one step-daughter, Mrs. Arvin I. Philippart, Jr., West Bridgewater, Mass.; one son, Walter L. Tufts, Jr., this city; five grandchildren; two nieces.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 from the Denrett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1956

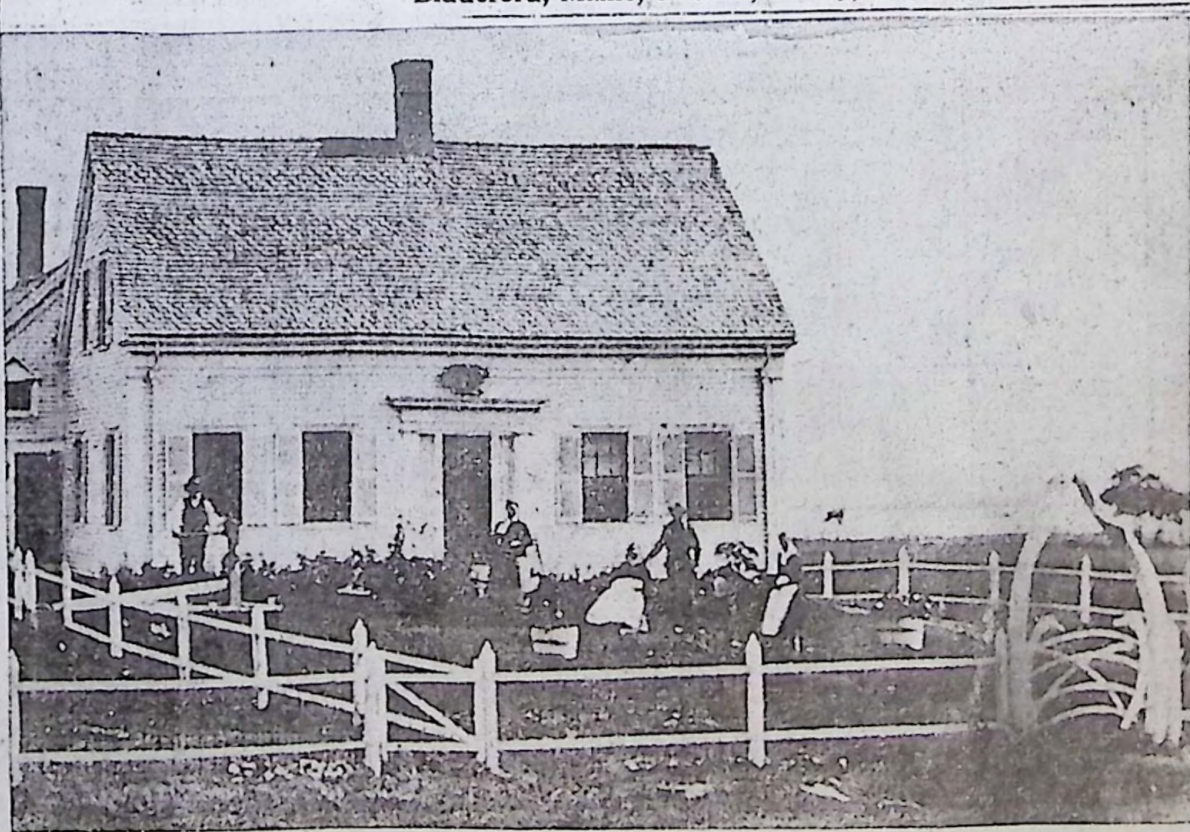
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MAIN AND ALFRED STREETS, 1912. This picture shows the old wooden Hill block being torn down in 1912 to make way for the present Puritan and Boucher building. The Hill block was built about 1850 and was also called the Lyman block. It was condemned by the city in 1911 in

order to widen the Main street sidewalk at this point and also to round-off the corner into Alfred street. It was this rounding process that accounts for the three-sided effect of the Puritan front and side today. Photo by Charles E. Moody.

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Friday, July 29, 1955



A FENCE made of whalebone was what this house boasted back in 1884. Built at Biddeford Pool by Captain Joseph Edwards, a Civil War veteran, in 1875, the home was known to all as the Whalebone

cottage. The unique fence was added around 1884. This photograph was taken about one year later. On April 7, 1924, the cottage was totally destroyed by a fire.



COOLING MIRAGE? Right about now, instead of wiping perspiration from your brow, how would you like to be sliding down this snow-covered hill with the snappy winter wind turning your cheeks to red? But at this time of year, all you can do is dream about such scenes. Actually, the photo was taken in 1912 by Charles E. Moody

and pictures the old Cutts Mansion on York hill where the Factory Island power station is now located. The home was built by Col. Thomas Cutts in 1782 and in 1912 was the home of Ernest L. Morrill, agent of the Pepperell. It was removed from this site in 1937 having been a landmark for 155 years.

Colorful Legends Spring From Exciting History Of This Area

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Tuesday, July 23, 1957

Legends? Ah, yes, those bits of prose or poetry which are as exciting as a mystery tale, as fanciful as a fairy tale, as superstitious as black magic or a witch riding a broomstick on Halloween and as colorful as history with human interest running over it for good measure.

Let's start with the legend based on a cat, a sawmill and the town of Kennebunk. The name "Cat Mousam" is a name which to this day clings to a small neighborhood on the west of the Mousam river, to a public thoroughfare and a school district in the township. Now in 1752, there stood a sawmill called the "Cat Mousam Mill" at the Middle Falls and the legend of that name is purported to arise from this incident:

A cat frequently visited the mill and was in the habit of sitting on the logs when on the carriage and moving toward the saw. If driven from one log he would persist in taking the same position on the next. One day the cat kept her place too long and came in contact with the saw. Her forepaws were severed and fell into the river. The cat then immediately disappeared.

The incident got noised about the neighborhood and a story became current that on the very

day of the cat's accident a woman living nearby had lost one of her hands in a misfortune. Superstitious folks emphatically declared that, of course, the woman was no other than a witch who had visited the sawmill in the form of a cat and thus had suffered a mutilation.

Legend Still Believed

Strange eerie lights and the echoes of a bugle's wail on the anniversary of a battle involving Cape Porpoise villagers and a British ship are still told for gospel. History tell us this story of the legend when superstitious fishermen homeward bound declared that they could see lights dancing over the spot where the slain members of the English ship's crew sleep and the bugle's echoes rising and falling over the waters.

It was in August, 1782, that a British ship manned by 18 guns attacked a small force of inhabitants on Goat Island. It was eventually driven off by the severe musketry of the villagers. The British lost 17 men and the town lost Lt. James Burnham, local leader. The enemy captured a schooner and a sloop and was maneuvering for a position to rake the village with their guns. Meanwhile, Samuel Wildes, considered an eccentric sort of person, rowed boldly to the side of the British ship and ordered them to leave immediately, leav-

ing the schooner. The Britishers derided him and demanded that he come aboard. When he attempted to leave, they fired on him, wounding him.

This aroused the fury of the villagers and they rallied round their leader, Lt. Burnham. They assembled on Goat Island. The short firearms aboard the brig were no match for the local marksmen sheltered behind rocks, who poured galling fire on the enemy. Sailors were driven away from their guns and the marines were dropping on the deck. At the end of the short, brisk fighting, the ship abandoned her prizes and sailed away. When the ship was well out to sea, the 17 marines and seamen killed in action were consigned to the deep. And so the legend persists. "On the anniversary of the battle"

Rich Indian Lore

Indian lore from the legends of old York and Boon Island form the background for this tale out of the past. Old Agamenticus, termed in marine language the "Sailor's Mountain," has been a visible beacon for seafarers far off at sea for centuries. Now this home, so the saying goes, was the home of a saint, Saint Aspinquid, the great spiritual leader of the Abenaki Indians. He dwelt in its shadows in the early part of the 17th century. For this reason the Aborigines venerated old Agamenticus.

St. Aspinquid was a former

chieftain of the Pawtuckets and came under the spell of that famous white missionary, John Eliot, who preached to the Indians in that era. The chief, so it is claimed, once threw away the hatchet, forsook the habits of savagery and became a missionary to his own people. He lived to be 95, it is said, and is reputed to be buried on the summit of the mountain.

His death was the occasion for a remarkable demonstration by his Indian followers. A multitude, many of them converts of the saint, gathered from all over Maine with their burnt offerings of deer, moose, fish and even rattlesnakes as sacrifices to the memory of their departed leader. This pagan Indian ceremony, so it is recorded, was the means of saving the lives of a shipwrecked crew who saw the huge columns of smoke rising from the summit of Mount Agamenticus.

In the year 1682 the vessel, Increase, a trader between Plymouth, Mass., and Pemaquid, came to grief offshore from the York mainland. Its survivors were three white men and an Indian who existed as best they could along those rocky shores. Weeks elapsed; they were losing all hope of rescue when they saw the dense smoke of the pagan ceremony.

Surely this could only mean the presence of people on the mainland. Their hopes revived and the castaways themselves built a huge fire of driftwood. This attracted their rescuers. In gratitude for their salvation, or so the story goes, the seamen named the island "Boone" and Boon Island it remains today.

This rocky spot, about 10 miles out to sea, has often been the scene of many ship disasters and incredible and horrible as it may seem to us today, this rock was the scene of Maine's only known cannibalism about 1710 involving the crewmen of the Nottingham Galley who were shipwrecked there.

These and many more such tellings abound along the Maine coast. Many of them have been written about by Herbert Jones in his book of Indian and colonial history and the stagecoach and tavern days on the old Post Road here.

A watch fob charm was used as a watch fob charm during the presidential election when Teddy Roosevelt was named president and Charles W. Fairbank of Ohio was chosen vice president.

The daintiest article is a wine glass that is more than 175 years old and was part of a set owned by Rev. Nathaniel Webster, minister of the Pool Road Congregational church from 1779 to 1829. Born in 1749, the Rev. Mr. Webster died in 1830. He was a close friend of Judge George Thatcher and other notables of Biddeford. The glass is the last of the minister's belongings and was given to the library by his grandniece, Miss Harriet Webster Marr.

Next is the Army discharge papers of Robert McArthur, for whom the library was named. McArthur served in the Northern Army in the Civil War from 1836 to 1865. He was a member of the Third Regiment of the Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, enlisting in Springfield, Mass., where he had been a weaver at the cotton mill. He was discharged in Portsmouth, Va., when the war ended,

at the age of 25.

Mrs. Hervey Dubreuil presented to library officials a series of six postcards made of stamped leather, which are also exhibited.

Featuring Biddeford scenes, the cards are printed on leather to imitate burnt leather work. They were a very popular item in their day. Most of those shown date back to around 1905. The scenes include the Pepperell Mills, Trull hospital, Biddeford high school, the York Mill and the Saco and Pettee shops (former name of the Saco-Lowell shops).

Wednesday, September 4, 1957

Rosario J. Bourassa Dies Suddenly While Attending Races

Rosario J. Bourassa, 55 Middle street, Saco, died suddenly last night while attending the races at Scarborough Downs. He was 56.

Born in this city, the son of Joseph and Permelie (Lacroix) Bourassa, he was employed for 26 years at Twombly's Jewelry store, Saco. In recent years he was employed in the tool room of the Saco-Lowell shops.

Surviving are his widow, Rose (Simard) Bourassa; one son, Normand Bourassa, Portland; one brother, Louis Bourassa, Boston; one sister, Sister Bourassa, a Grey nun at Lexington, Mass.; one grandson.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 8 at Notre Dame de Lourdes church, Saco. Friends may call at the Cote funeral home, corner of Beach and James streets, Saco, from 2 to 4 p. m. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

7, September 4, 1957 7

Funeral Friday For Mrs. Helen Wakefield

Mrs. Helen J. Wakefield, 36, wife of Raymond C. Wakefield, 503 Elm street, died late Tuesday afternoon at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Bangor, the daughter of Thomas J. and Helen (Batchelder) Daly and had resided in this city for about 17 years. She was a member of Pi chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Webber hospital auxiliary and the Thursday club, and was a communicant of St. Mary church.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Linda Dale and Susan; one son, Mark; her mother Mrs. Helen Daly, this city; three brothers, Jerome Daly, Ocean Park, Thomas Daly, this city, and Eugene Daly, Dorchester, Mass.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 9 at St. Mary church. Friends may call at the Cosgrove funeral home, Elm street, after 3 p. m. today and on Thursday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Friday, September 20, 1957



Your Grandfather Banked Here!

The building on the right is where the first office of this Bank opened in 1827. Bank buildings and banking methods have changed . . . today two banks with modern banking facilities are at your service!

Today's wise savers bank here . . .

Two banks for service . . . one at Old Orchard Beach and one at Saco. Two banks with one purpose in mind—to serve you well. Save here where your moneys grow at our liberal 3% dividend . . . save here where your savings are insured . . . save here where courteous service comes first!



Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution
SACO and OLD ORCHARD BEACH

MEMBER OF FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
EACH DEPOSITOR INSURED UP TO \$10,000

Portland (Me.) Press Herald,

Thursday, May 17, 1956

MRS. ALBERT M. WENTWORTH

BIDDEFORD, May 16 — Mrs. Anna Regina Wentworth, 67, 40 West St., wife of Albert M. Wentworth, died this morning at her home.

She was born in Denver, Colo., Aug. 21, 1888, daughter of Edwin and Mary Locke Hanson.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Paul N.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Locke Bennett; a sister, Miss Margaret Hanson of Denver, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in Denver, following arrangements.

Journal, Friday, June 9, 1961

MRS. HAZEL HOWE

Funeral services were held yesterday in Haverhill, Mass., for Mrs. Hazel (Moody) Howe, 78, a Biddeford native and widow of Howard F. Howe of Haverhill and St. Petersburg, Fla. Burial followed in the family lot in Bradford, Mass. Mrs. Howe died June 6 at the Masonic home in Charlton, Mass.

Daughter of the late Charles A. and Inez D. Moody, she was educated in the local schools and attended Biddeford high school.

Survivors included a daughter, Mrs. Lois Mullins, Somerville, Mass.; a brother, Percy R. Moody, Cornish; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Herbert A. Moody, Saco; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Journal, Saturday, August 3, 1957

Thomas L. Evans, Retired Grocer, Dies At Age Of 87

Thomas L. Evans, proprietor of the T. L. Evans store on Main street for many years, died at a local hospital early this morning at the age of 87. He was a resident of 279 Elm street.

He was born in this city, the son of Thomas and Mary (Dorcas) Evans. He retired 15 years ago from the Main street store and in recent years operated a grocery store on Union street. He was a member of the Shrine club and a former Webber hospital director.

Surviving are two sons, George Lawrence Evans, Seattle, Wash., and Thomas L. Evans, Jr., West Medford, Mass.

Funeral services will be announced later. Friends may call at the Cosgrove funeral home, Elm street, today and tomorrow.

AUGUST 10, 1957

Mrs. Israel Herrick Dies At Age Of 86

Mrs. Alice G. Herrick, 86, of 466 Main street, wife of Israel Herrick, died Friday night at a local hospital. For many years she was employed as bookkeeper with the Carter and Carter firm in this city.

She was born in Gorham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson, and graduated from Biddeford high school.

She held memberships in the Daughters of Ruth, Adah chapter, OES, Trull hospital aid and the Thursday club. She was a member of the First Universalist church, this city.

Among the survivors are her husband and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Dennett and Craig, funeral directors, 365 Main street, Saco.

Journal, Thursday, August 29, 1957

Isreal H. Herrick

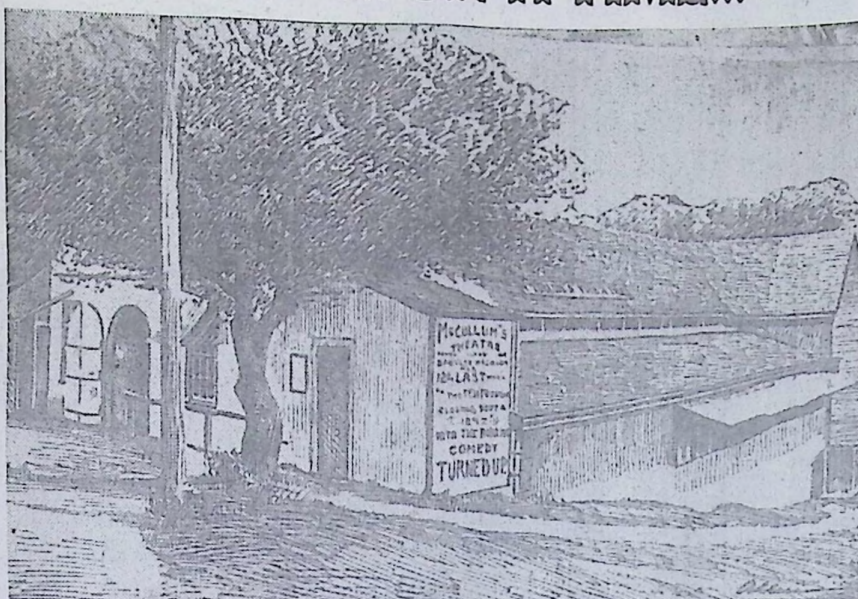
Isreal H. Herrick, 466 Main street, died Wednesday afternoon at a Kennebunk convalescent home at the age of 86.

Born in Leeds, the son of Horace and Sophronia (Palmer) Herrick, he came to this city at the age of 21. He was employed in the butter making trade in this city and later worked for the Grand Trunk railroad for several years. Before retiring he was employed for many years by Armour and company. He was a member of the First Universalist church, Dunlap lodge, F and AM, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, York chapter. His wife, Alice G. Herrick, died August 9.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Lottie H. Dunham, Phillips; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 4 to 9 p. m.

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Old Theater At Peaks Island

The Old Pavilion Theater at Peaks Island was a popular spot in the palmy days of the 80's and 90's when Old Orchard Beach was tiny by comparison. Thousands rode the ferries to Peaks when for 25 cents they could pay for the ride and see the stock company at the Pavilion, operated in the 90's by Bartley (Pat) McCullum. So popular were the stars that rowboats rented at Jones Wharf bore names of such stars as Florence Hamilton, Maud Winter or Emma Pollock, or plays such as the Two Orphans. Miss Hamilton later married McCullum. The pavilion had sides which

opened when ushers pulled cords between acts; and glasses of water were passed from one customer to another. Rear seats were blue; for ten cents additional you sat in red kitchen chairs further forward; and for 20 cents, you rated the orchestra's yellow wooden chairs. Until McCullum took over in 1889, the pavilion presented variety shows. Island popularity was such that opera was presented several weeks at Long Island in 1892. Photo above was taken in 1897, when McCullum was presenting comedy "Turned Up."

1, Friday, September 27, 1957

Chester C. Pease

Chester Chapin Pease, 69, who retired from the research department of the Saco-Lowell shops last summer, died suddenly Thursday evening at his home, Glenhaven Circle, Saco.

Born in Chelmsford, Mass., the son of Edward and Gertrude (Hall) Pease, he was a graduate of Lowell Textile Institute. Before joining the staff of the Saco-Lowell in January, 1949 he was an agent of the Otis company, Columbian Mills, Greenville, N. H., and later superintendent of rayon and woolen manufacturing at the Jackson Mills, Nashua, N. H.

He was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, a past master of Souhegan lodge, F and AM, Greenville, N. H., and a member of the Textile club of Boston.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude (Gray) Pease; two sons, Chester Chapin Pease, Jr., Reading, Mass., and Philip Warren Pease, Nashua, N. H.; one sister, Mrs. Paul Shaw, West Medford Mass.; five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held

Sunday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Saturday from 4 to 9 p. m. Committal services are to be conducted Monday morning at 11 at the Edsen cemetery, Lowell, Mass.

1, Friday, September 13, 1957

Mrs. Albert Fairfield

Mrs. Mary B. Fairfield, 92, widow of Albert Fairfield, one of the oldest lifelong residents of the two cities, died Thursday at the Wardwell Home, Middle street, Saco, where she had resided, after a lengthy illness.

She was a native of this city, the daughter of Richard and Mary Ellen (Gilman) Johnson. Mrs. Fairfield for a number of years was active in ladies organizations of the Second Parish Unitarian church, of which she has been a member for many years.

She is survived by a niece, a nephew and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call at the funeral home between the hours of 7 and 9 this evening.

ay Telegram, Aug. 11, 1957

W. H. Deering, State Hospital Official, Dies

AUGUSTA. Aug. 10 — William Hall Deering, 71, state budget officer from 1931 to 1940, and treasurer-business manager of Augusta State Hospital since 1935, died this afternoon at Augusta General Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Deering was a past president of the Saco Rotary Club, an honorary member of the Augusta Rotary Club and a member of the House of Representatives from Saco in the 1925 and 1927 sessions of the Legislature.

He was born July 21, 1886, in Saco the son of Gilman N. and Miriam Hall Deering. He was a graduate of Worcester Academy and attended Dartmouth College in the Class of 1910.

He was associated in the meat processing business with his father for Swift and Co. in Saco for 1910 to 1930. He was a World War I veteran.

While in the Legislature Mr. Deering was a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee. From 1928 to 1931 he served as secretary to the budget committee and committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. Deering moved to Au-

gusta in 1930. On July 1, 1931, he was appointed state budget officer by Gov. William Tudor Gardiner under provisions of the so-called Code Law. He was named business manager and treasurer of Augusta State Hospital in March, 1935, by Gov. Louis J. Brann.

Mr. Deering served in the dual capacities of state budget officer and the Augusta State Hospital post until July, 1940, when he resigned from the state job. At that time he took over state hospital duties on a full-time basis.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Owen-Davis Post, American Legion, Saco; the First Unitarian Church, Augusta.

He was descended from an old colonial family.

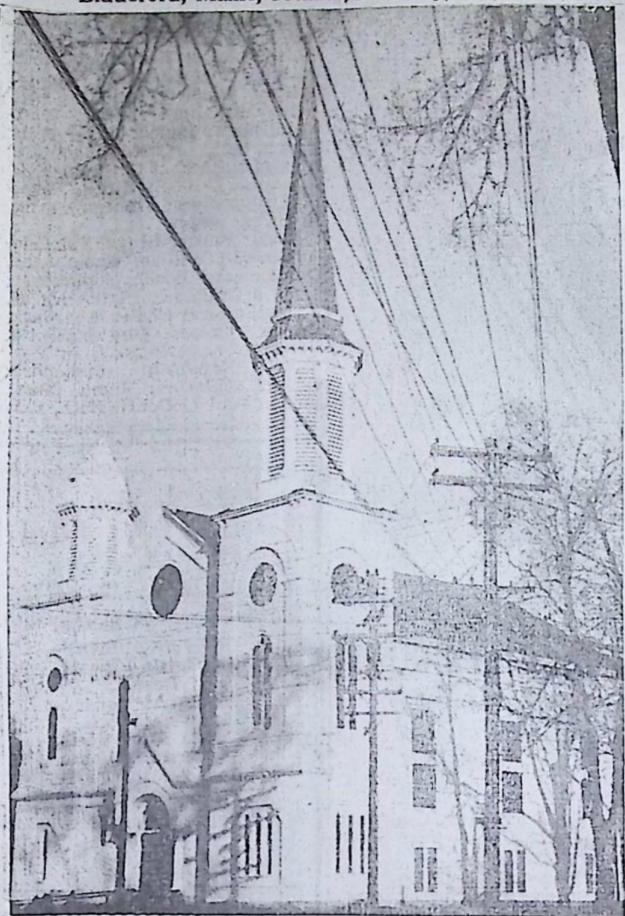
Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elsie Ham Deering; two sisters, Mrs. Harold D. Fish, Evanston, Ill., and Mrs. Clyde C. Kirk, Columbus, Ohio; four nephews, Dr. William D. Fish, Chicago, Ill., and David, both of Chicago, Dr. Robert C. Kirk and Dr. Gilman D. Kirk, both of Columbus; and one niece, Mrs. Edward C. Wallz, Columbus.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Unitarian Church, Augusta. Interment will be in the family lot at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.

Portland (Me.) Sunday Telegram, Sept. 5, 1954



SACO COUPLE WED 25 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Frank who marked their silver wedding anniversary at their home Scammon St., Saco, Tuesday. A scheduled party was can by the hurricane, but a family group was present to not occasion. The couple, who were married at Falmouth For have lived 24 years at Saco. They have one daughter, Beverly Lacy. Mr. Lacy is employed by the Central Power Co.



STANDING MAJESTICALLY on Crescent street with its towering steeple, which can be seen for miles around, is the Second Congregational church. Congregationalism in Biddeford is actually co-existent with the first permanent settlement of the community in 1630. However, it was not until 1840 that the first Congregational parish was dedicated, located on the present site. Later the building proved to be too small to accommodate the congregation and it was sold to the Free Will Baptists, moved to Jefferson street, where it now stands, and is occupied by the Biddeford United Baptist church. It was several years later before the present building was erected. The parsonage was built about 1857. Caring for the pastoral duties of the church today is Dr. H. Lewis Cutler.

Monday, September 30, 1957

Edward Thompson, Business Executive, Dies Suddenly At 68

Edward C. Thompson, 68, executive vice president of the Biddeford Box company, died suddenly Sunday evening at his home, Maplewood avenue.

Born in Northport, Nova Scotia, the son of Erastus H. and Martha (Brownell) Thompson, he graduated from Biddeford High school. He taught school in this city for several years and then became employed by the box company.

He was vice president and trustee of the Biddeford Savings bank, president and director of the York Loan and Building association, a director of the J. H. Dunning corporation of New Jersey and a director of the Green company. Bellows Falls, Vt.

A member of the various Masonic bodies, he was a past master of Dunlap lodge, F and AM, and a past patron of Adah

chapter, Order of Eastern Star. He was a director of the McArthur home, the Greenwood cemetery, the McArthur library and the Masonic Building association. He was a member of the Foss street Methodist church.

His wife, Annabelle (Edwards) Thompson, died Oct. 6, 1945.

Surviving are two brothers, Warren C. and Herbert W. Thompson, this city; one sister, Miss Amy A. Thompson, Providence, R. I.; several nieces and nephews.

Another brother, Frederick Thompson, and a sister, Mrs. Grace Emmerson, died earlier.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Foss street Methodist church. Friends may call at his home, 2 Maplewood avenue, Tuesday from 1 to 9 p. m.

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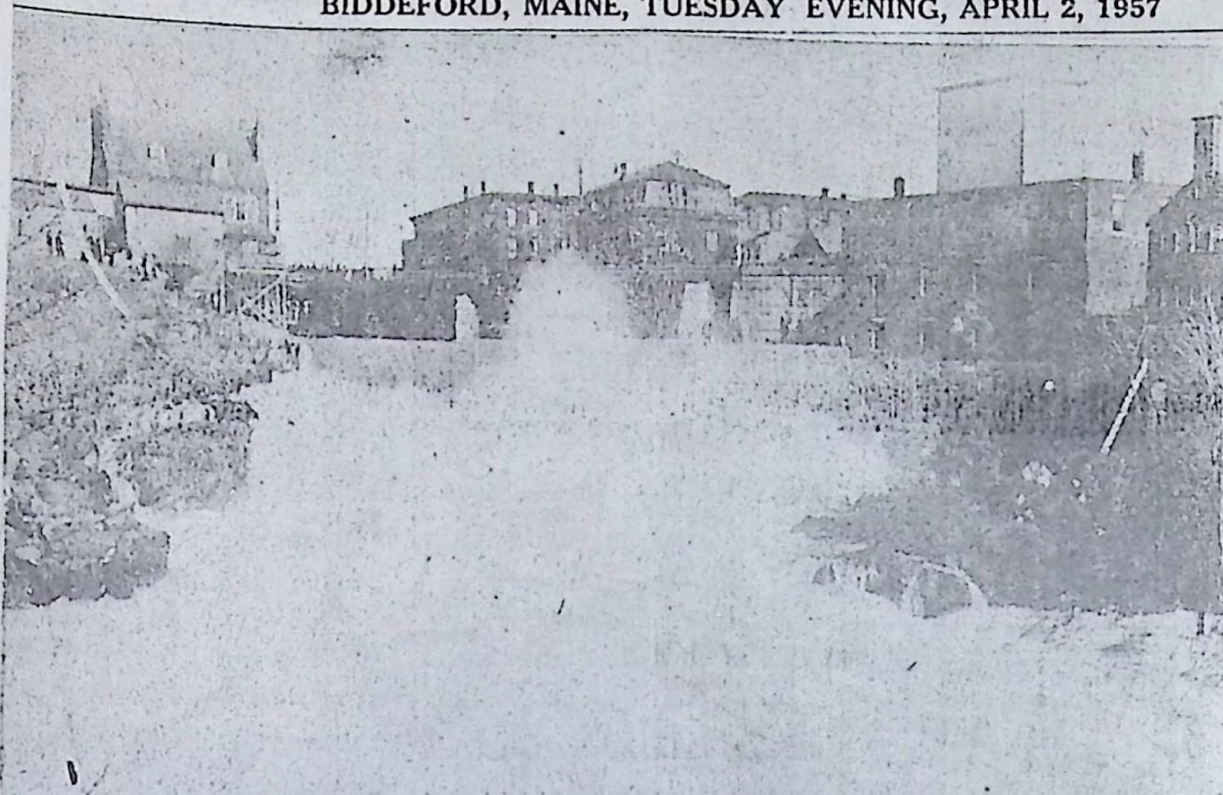
THE STANLEY STEAMER, although it won't occupy a corner at the automobile show sponsored by the York County Auto Dealers, was quite the means for transportation in the 1900's. R. A. Fairfield, a cotton inspector for the Pepperell Mills for many years, is shown above making a quick repair on the car, which caused passersby to say, "Get a horse!" Mrs. Fairfield is shown waiting patiently for her husband to make ready to continue on a Sunday outing. Driven by steam, the engine of the car was over the rear axle and the boiler was under the seat which frequently became quite warm. The photograph was taken around 1912 by Charles E. Moody.

AUGUST 5, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Captain Waldo Hill house, 493 Pool road, was the home of Captain Waldo Hill, a famous Pool road shipmaster, who first went to sea at the age of 9, and commanded many noted ships built or owned in Biddeford. Captain Hill was born in 1814 but the house may have been built before that time. It is known to have been standing in 1930. It is now owned by Maurice Roux.



TORRENTIAL RAINS lashed this area exactly 62 years ago April 14, Easter Sunday. The flood of 1895 was one long remembered by local citizens, causing heavy damage and shutdowns at the Laconia and York mills. The top photo is a view of Cataract falls located below the railroad

bridge in Saco. Water gushed with such force down the falls that it created a sight of grandeur, despite its damaging power. The bottom photo shows the depth of the water but the exact location pictured is not known. Both may be seen at the McArthur Library.

Flood Struck Biddeford-Saco Just 62 Years Ago This Coming Easter

It was a lovely day before Easter. The ladies in the two cities had their new bonnets out to wear the next day. The youngsters were thinking about what the Easter Bunny would leave behind and Mr. Weatherman didn't seem to have any interference in the plans.

But then it happened. It started to rain late Saturday night and continued in torrents

throughout Easter Sunday.

The date was April 14, 1895, exactly 62 years ago.

Perhaps only a few present residents of Biddeford and Saco can recall this memorable Easter and the storm which wrought havoc along the Saco river.

The waters rose nearly three feet in 12 hours Easter night, threatening destruction to dams and bridges and carrying away

portions of mills and other buildings close to the river bank.

At 4:30 Easter afternoon the water over the Bradbury dam, near the Saco-Lowell shops, stood at 54 inches, an increase of eight inches since that morning and 12 inches since the previous Friday.

Storm Abates

Although the storm had abated in its fury Monday morning, the

river was pouring a flood. By 6 a. m., 86 inches was pouring over the dam and at 10 it had risen to 87, the highest since the flood of 1870, when it had climbed 100 inches.

Log drivers tried desperately but, in spite of their efforts, thousands of feet of logs were carried away into the surging waters of the cataract.

Curious citizens gathered along the river banks Monday morning as the water swept through the framework of Cataract bridge in Saco. Even at low tide the bottom girders of the Main street bridge between the two communities was dangerously close to floor level.

Logs were shooting down the cataract beneath the railroad bridge at a frightful rate. Down by Luques' coal shed, below the bridge, dozens of men with picks attached to long ropes were harpooning the stray logs and hauling them to shore.

Rescued From River

Some, like Charles Dickinson, went out in dories. According to a story written in the Journal on that date, Dickinson "became so enthusiastic" as he tried to break up the logs, that in reaching for a big stick of timber he fell out of the boat. He was carried downstream rapidly and escaped drowning when he was rescued by someone else in another dory.

Ice House Hit

Pelletier's ice house was one of those spots hit hardest. Located on the banks of the river above the Biddeford Box company, it became enveloped by two feet of water. The bottom layers of the ice melted and when the upper layers began to fall, considerable damage was caused to the building.

The Bryant house on the low grade of Lincoln street, Saco, was in a bad fix. Occupied by Clarence Bryant, a mason, he watched the water flow across the kitchen floor all night but was determined to remain in the house as long as the water didn't reach his sitting room, two inches higher than the kitchen.

Spring's Island was nearly submerged. The territory around Walnut, Maple, Irving and Pine streets was flooded causing residents to go about in boats.

William Fearon lived in the last house on Walnut street, next to the river and found the water flowing over his stable door Easter morning. His horses were standing in several inches of water and his pigs were swimming about in their pens.

It wasn't until two or three days later that the water receded. A large part of the Laconia and York mills were forced to shut down during that time.

Late Saco Physician Prepared Own Lexicon

It is no secret that the late Dr. Jasper Duncan Cochrane, Saco, collected the largest medical library in the two cities among his contemporary medical colleagues nor that the late Dr. C. J. Xaphes purchased the entire collection upon the untimely death of the Saco physician.

It is a secret, however, that Dr. Cochrane had among his personal possessions a pocket-size lexicon prepared by himself to aid in treating patients who spoke only the French language. Even now, some 33 years after his death, little is known about

home or office visits of his French patients during his 35 years as a general practitioner. Only a chance remark by a resident of this city brought it to light.

"The little dictionary? Yes, I remember my father did have one," stated Miss Sally Cochrane when the question was referred to her. "It resembled the size of those narrow, long autograph books or guide books of his time. He kept it in his coat pocket all the time. It's been a long time since I've thought of it. It is in the house here some-



THREE GENERATIONS of the late Dr. Jasper Duncan Cochrane's family are grouped in this library living-room in Saco at 92 Elm street. The room served as a waiting room for patients after the physician moved there and combined office and home in one spot. Today it is still the heart and center of living for the Cochrane family which includes Mrs. Annie (Whitworth) Cochrane, whom he married a few years after the death of his first wife, and Miss Sarah Abbott Cochrane, his daughter. Pictured in front of one of the large bookcases containing the personal volumes of the doctor are, front row, left to right, Sandra Jean, Scott Alan and Lloyd Chauncey Cochrane, this city, his great-grandchildren. Back row, Miss Cochrane and Jasper Duncan Cochrane, his grandson.

the valuable little book which was his constant companion for where among other personal possessions.

"My father loved books and was constantly buying them," she recollected. "In fact one box of books arrived after his death in 1924. They have never been unpacked even to this day".

Dr. Cochrane, physician and Christian gentleman, was truly a savant. A biographical account of him in Maine, A History, published in 1919, notes that before studying medicine Dr. Cochrane taught school for many years and was at one time principal of Stetson academy in Stetson in this state. He held both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., before beginning the study of medicine in 1882 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons New York City.

Turns To Medicine

He was amply qualified as a scholar to draw up his own lexicon when he turned to the medical field.

While he was a young student at college, his father in East Corinth, a town in the Bangor section of this state, became seriously ill. It was then the aspiring doctor-scholar interrupted his studies for a year, remaining at home with the family until his father died. Then he returned to continue his education.

In 1882 his name was listed among those of the New York City college and in 1886 he received his M. D. degree at Columbia college. He returned to East Corinth and began practice but two years later he came to Saco to establish a practice.

Saco residents recall the Dr. Cochrane family living on Main street and his offices in the Masonic building where Dr. Carl Dennett is located today. Both old and young residents of the two cities recall the doctor, for in his practice he delivered many babies in families now still residing locally.

Living on Main street in the Cochrane residence were Mrs. Cochrane, the former Mrs. Ida M. Heald of Lovell, and the two children, Chauncey Duncan and Sarah Abbott. Mrs. Cochrane died in 1914 and a few years later the doctor married Miss Annie Whitworth, who had come from Lancashire, England, to live with her sister in Saco.

When the family moved from Main street they located at 92 Elm street, the house where the doctor's family still lives. He chose the spacious, colonial residence there because it offered ample space for his home and office combined.

He chose a room right opposite the front entrance hall for his waiting room. Today there are still evidences of the doctor's presence about the room. The huge desk with its top row of miniature drawers and wide roll-top cover dominates one corner of the high-ceilinged room.

Close Family Link

Around the room are three floor-to-ceiling bookcases filled with volumes the doctor loved and cherished and another smaller bookcase in one corner on the fireplace side of the room. Photos of the doctor himself, Mrs. Cochrane, his daughter, Sally, and his son, the late Chauncey, indicate the close family link that exists even now within the family circle.

Third generation portraits are in this personal room, too. The doctor's grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Duncan Cochrane and children, Lloyd

Maj. Paul Scammon, Saco Native, Dies

Major Paul A. Scammon, 61, of the Post road, York, a native and former Saco city clerk and World War One veteran, died at his home Thursday after a lengthy illness.

He was the son of Amost and Battie (Pritchard) Scammon. He was educated in Saco schools and Thornton academy, where he was active in varsity athletic circles as a member of the Thornton baseball, basketball and football teams. He was the founder of the Scammon candy, soda and periodical store at the corner of Elm and Temple street, Saco, now operated by State Senator Andrew Fournier. He also operated a similar type of business in one section of the Atkinson block, Main street, Saco, for a time. Prior to founding the Scammon Farms Kitchen Candy at York, which he has operated in recent years, he operated a similar type of business in Kennebunk.

During World War One, Scammon was stationed in France. In World War Two, he served as a member of the Harbor Defense unit at Portsmouth, N. H. He was a member of the 40 and 8 society and of Saco lodge F & AM. He was active in Democratic politics of Saco during his early life and filled the office of city clerk during one of the Mayor Walter J. Gilpatrick administrations.

Besides his widow, the former Dorothy Byther, he leaves a brother, Harley Scammon, Saco; two sisters, Mrs. George E. Mapes, Sr., and Mrs. John Connors, Pekinsville, Vt., several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the First Congregational church, York, Saturday afternoon at 2. Friends may call at the Lucas funeral home, York Village, this afternoon and evening.

Wednesday, October 30, 1957

Mrs. C. Wilson Place

Mrs. Marion E. Place, 70, wife of C. Wilson Place and a resident of the Ferry road, Saco, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital.

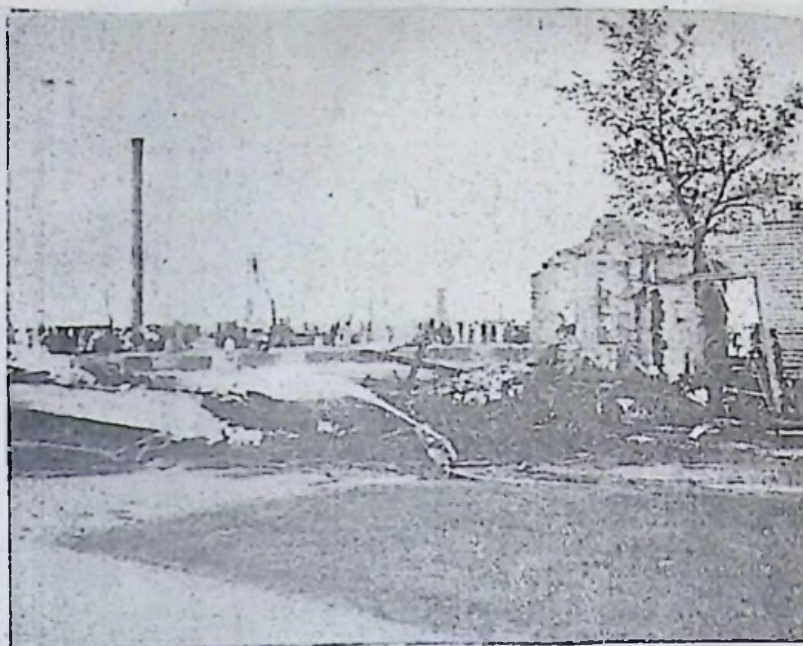
She was an accomplished musician and was active in musical circles in the community for many years.

She was born in this city, daughter of Clement and Florence (Leavitt) Wakefield and was a member of the Second Congregational church here.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Grace, Saco; a son, C. Wilson Place, Jr., Stoughton, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Robert McConnell, Whitinsville, Mass.; a brother, C. Arthur Wakefield, Fall River, Mass.; five grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 7-9 p. m.

Eyewitness Recalls 50th Anniversary Of Old Orchard Disaster



THE GREATEST CATASTROPHE ever to strike the summer resort of Old Orchard Beach was the fire of 1907, which occurred 50 years ago today. Thousands of tourists spending their summer vacations at the Beach were ousted from their hotels as the fire spread quickly through the center of the town. Many were driven to the edge of the water by the intense heat of the flames. Scores of landmarks were leveled by the fire. Pictured from top to bottom are some of them, the Hotel Velvet, the Irving hotel and the Hotel Lawrence, all destroyed in the blaze. The bottom photograph shows the final ruins of the Seashore house and the Emerson Hotel.

Thursday marks the 50th anniversary of the Old Orchard Beach fire which destroyed most of the leading hotels and rooming houses within the Old Orchard street business district and other nearby tourist homes, hotels and private residences in the East Grand avenue section of the community.

The fire, one of the most disastrous of the early 1900 period in all New England, caused the death of a Saco Episcopal clergyman watching firemen battle the flames when he was struck by fragments of an exploding soda gas tank in the Hogan drug store; and an out-of-town visitor who died of injuries received in another way. The loss to the property-owners, whose buildings were levelled by the flames and to business men and their stock-filled stores was estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars. It is estimated that 75,000 were made homeless through the conflagration and the majority of the guests and employees of the hotels and rooming houses lost all their personal belongings.

As far as can be learned, the only surviving members of the Old Orchard Beach fire department, which fought the 1907 fire, still retaining residences at the Beach, are Theodore H. Mingo and Ross R. Milliken. Mingo, after being a member of the regular fire-fighting personnel of the Old Orchard Beach fire department for nearly 50 years, and serving as chief engineer of the department for over 40 years, prior to retiring March 1, of this year, was a torch boy in the department in 1907. Due to his age, he was not old enough for an appointment as a regular call member of the department, of which the late Lewis M. Fowler was chief engineer at that time.

In reminiscing with a Journal reporter today, who was a spectator at the 1907 conflagration, Mingo said "It was about 7:15 on the evening of August 15, with temperatures rather chilly for the period of the season,

when the alarm was sounded for the outbreak of the fire.

Alarm Sounded

"At the time, I was employed in assisting my employer, the late William J. C. Milliken, an ice dealer, in making a delivery of ice at the Harper grocery store on Washington avenue. Milliken called my attention to the alarm when he noticed that I did not hear it. Due to the ice delivery being almost completed, I finished my work before my employer and I rushed in our horse-drawn vehicle to the business district. When we reached Saco avenue, near the entrance to the Old Orchard House, we noticed huge clouds of heavy, black smoke rising from a burning building in the Milliken street section.

"My duty as a torch boy with the department was to carry a lighted torch or lantern to provide light for the firemen and to deliver verbal messages from one group of firemen to another and from one official to another official. It was a different story on the night of Aug. 15, 1907," Mingo says. "I did not carry any lantern nor did I carry any messages. I was assigned to work an engine with a couple of French-Canadian residents who had come to the Beach from Biddeford, to watch the fire. We all worked like veteran fire-fighters that night. I was in the vicinity of the Alberta House, on Old Orchard street, the site of the present Whitehall hotel, when I noticed the heat from the nearby fires had set our hose afire. I quickly realized that with the strong wind blowing, we were in for a bad fire.

"Requests for aid from the Biddeford, Saco and Portland fire departments for apparatus, men and hose were quickly answered with fire trains, operated by emergency crews bringing them to Old Orchard Beach as soon as possible. When the Portland contingent attempted to couple their hose, the couplings did not fit our hydrants and there was a delay in their getting into action until parts could be secured for them to get their lines into action."

Lamp Starts Fire

Mingo says, the fire started in what was known as the Velvet annex on Milliken street, a short distance across the street from the present location of the New Olympia hotel, Milliken street, where employees of the Velvet hotel had their living quarters. One of the women employees of the hotel was reported curling her hair, with a curling iron being heated on a kerosene light. The lamp was on a small table near a partly-open window. When the lamp started to blaze up, the woman, fearing an explosion, opened the window and threw it out. Little did she realize that the lighted lamp was to land on the roof of the stable where horses belonging to the hotel were kept.

"The flames from the exploding lamp, after igniting the roof of the stable, contacted the hay stored in the place, which supplied fuel that quickly set the entire building afire and ignited the employees' quarters. Sparks from the two buildings were swiftly carried with the brisk breeze to the Old Orchard street and East and West Grand avenues and Depot Square area and numerous buildings were soon afire.

"In spite of the frantic efforts of firemen and several hundred volunteers the blaze spread rapidly from one building to another. Water pressure soon became low and since it was impossible to use the salt water from the ocean with the type of fire-fighting equipment of that period, the firemen were practically helpless in trying to check the flames, as the winds increased in velocity after shifting from southwest to west. The fire raged on through the night and well into the next forenoon before it was controlled.

"The reflection of the flames, visible for many miles, attracted thousands of visitors. The Biddeford and Saco Street Railroad line was operated throughout the night to provide transportation for local residents, who watched the fire.

The heat of the fire caused Boston and Maine railroad tracks to spread in places and telegraph and telephone communications were out of order shortly after the start of the fire. The waterfront section between Walnut street and Fernald street was lined with furnishings, trunks and other types of baggage removed from the buildings. Thousands of vacationists, driven from their housing quarters, spent the night on the beach. Fires were started with driftwood and other materials to provide heat for those suffering from the dampness and cold."

Ross R. Milliken, Union avenue, discussing the fire, said that he was the fireman and, the late William B. Robinson, the engineer of the steamer Edward C. Staples, who were stationed in front of the Palmer House on East Grand avenue

for a time until the heat of burning buildings became so great that it was necessary to haul the engine away to a hydrant near the Seashore House.

Works At Top Speed

The engine, one of the prize pieces of firefighting equipment of the Old Orchard Beach department was operated at top speed by Robinson and Milliken, providing steam power for pumping water through the hose. Milliken's description of battling the flames and buildings levelled and destroyed was

similar to that of Mingo's. Milliken, prior to retiring several years ago, was maintenance foreman of the Old Orchard Beach division of the Biddeford and Saco Water company and is presently one of the town's oldest residents.

Edward Dixon, Old Orchard Beach antique and souvenir collector, a former Saco newsman, has many souvenirs of the fire among his valuable collection including pictures taken after the fire, articles picked up in the ruins and a silver spoon engraved with the name of the Hotel Velvet which in spite of its age is in perfect condition for table use.

Mrs. Grace E. Horn, Atlantic avenue, who with her parents were guests at the Fiske House at the time of the fire, is reported to have been one of the guests at that hostelry who lost all of her personal belongings including eight costly gowns.

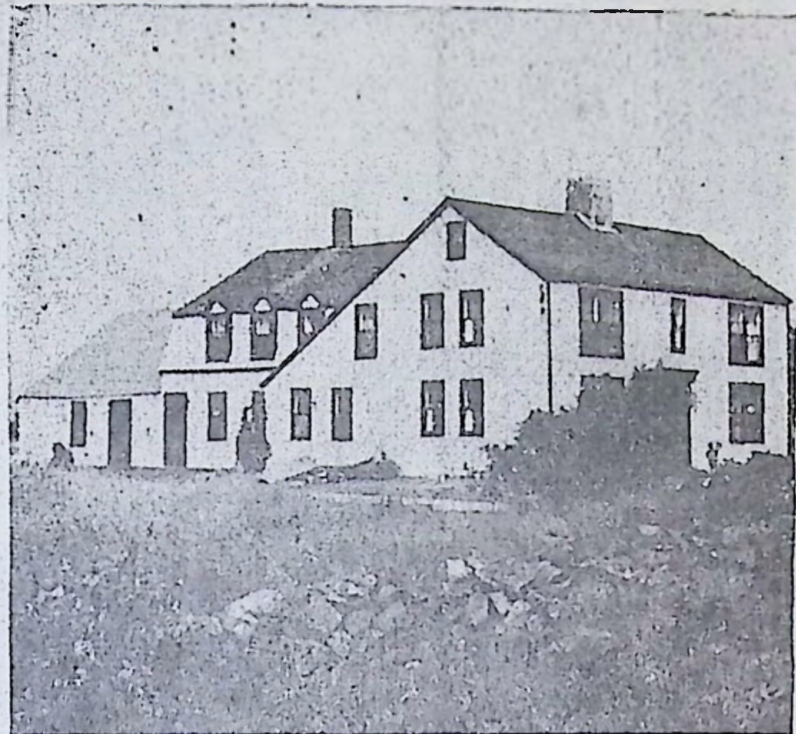
The flames made a clean sweep of an estimated 50 acres along the waterfront section between the foot of Staples street and Barton streets, on Old Orchard street, between the seawall and the ladies hairdressing shop operated by Mrs. Hill, the present site of the Stroumbas block.

Among some of the larger buildings destroyed by the fire were the Aldine, Lawrence, Vesper, Fiske, Irving, Seashore, Velvet, Alberta, Marlboro, Olympia, Portland and Vendome hotels; the Palmer, Cleaves, Florida, Bernier houses; Charles W. Gerham and Fred Whittier livery stables; Cleaves and Fields bowling alleys; Hogan and Bert Austin drug stores; J. C. B. Whittimore billiard hall; the Nathan Woolf and J. I. Mackay

souvenir shops; the Major Edward Day and other stores, on Railroad Walk and large cottages owned by Mrs. H. E. Barton, Lawrence, Mass., A. D. Morse, Barre, Vt., Dennis Wholley, Providence, R. I., E. H. Nelligan, Allston, Mass., and numerous other smaller private residences.



JUDGE HARRY B. AYER

Biddeford's Oldest Houses

The Haley house, Pool road, is another one known to have been built more than 200 years ago. It was built by Benjamin Haley, a master builder, who at the age of 60 accompanied Sir William Pepperell on the famous expedition against the French fortress of Louisburg. He died in 1745, during the siege of that Fortress. This house was probably built in 1718 or 1719. The front is substantially the same as when built more than 230 years ago, but the "salt box" roof in the rear was added about 1830. This is the house in which during the Indians Wars of the 1700's a group of women found themselves alone during an Indian raid. They put on men's hats and some showed their heads at the windows while others rolled pumpkins down the stairs to sound like heavy tread of men. The Indians were deceived, and withdrew without attacking the house.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

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Biddeford's Oldest Houses

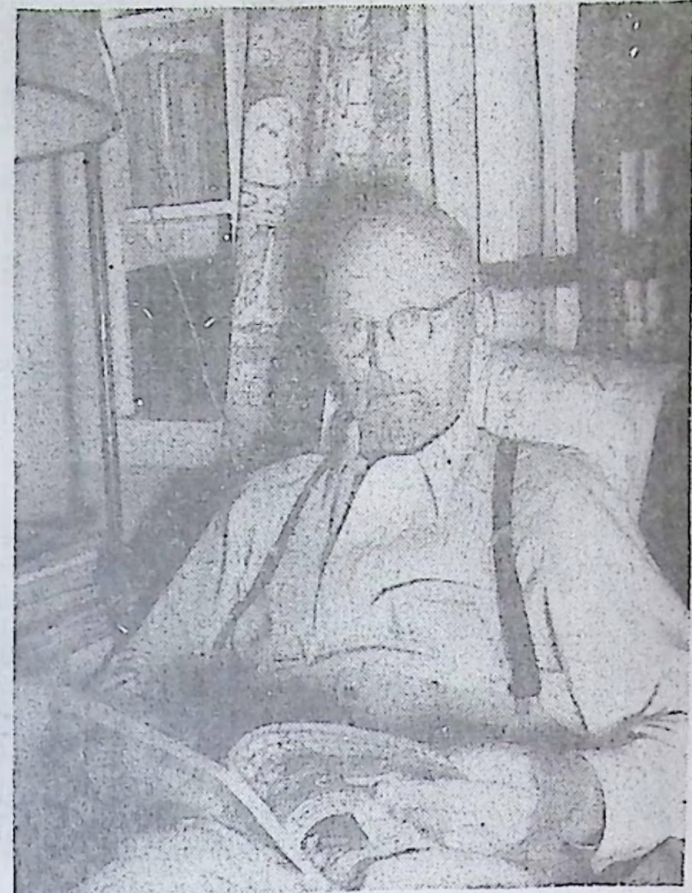
The Clark house, 507 Pool road, is not known when to have been built, but its general construction indicates that it might have been built around 1800 or even earlier. In 1830 it was the home of Captain George Clark, a Biddeford shipmaster, who was born in 1807 and went to sea at the age of 12. He died in 1891, at the age of 84, having lived in this house more than 60 years.

Biddeford Journal Engraving



GUILD WOMEN PLAN FAIR

Members of the committee for the fair and supper to be sponsored by the Guild of Most Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to be held at the church vestry, Pleasant St., Saco Tuesday, Dec. 1. Seated, Mrs. William E. Brown, fancy work; Mrs. Clarence Craig, dining room; and Mrs. A. Amelia Donahue, apron table. Standing, Mrs. Katherine Stacy, fancy work; Mrs. Charles Moody, parcel post; Mrs. William Beatty, general chairman; and Mrs. Herbert Jose, fancy work. (Perkins Photo)



June 28 1958
Squeals On The Snow

Edgar Thurston, who will be 88 in July, was born at Dunstan and lives there today. "There used to be a lot of logging in the wintertime," he recalls. "The farmers would bring their oxen early in the morning and when their iron shoes squealed on the snow you could hear them half a mile away."

Wednesday, December 11, 1957

Miss Annie Dolby Dies At Age Of 87

Miss Annie M. Dolby, one of Saco's best known older residents, died suddenly at her home, 50 Middle street, Tuesday afternoon. While her health had been impaired for a long time, her death came unexpected at this time.

Miss Dolby was a native of Dayton, the daughter of the late Albra and Rhoda (McKenney) Dolby. She attended Dayton schools. She became a Saco resident at an early age and resided in that city up to the time of death. During her early life she engaged in practical nursing in various sections of Maine and other places. She was a sister of the late George H. Dolby, a former Saco alderman and businessman and the late Hiram and Byron Dolby of Saco.

Surviving relatives include four nieces, Mrs. Florence D. Weymouth, Mrs. Doris Fluent, Mrs. Alice Lawlor, all of Saco, and Mrs. Barbara Olsen, Los Angeles, Calif., and two nephews, former Saco Mayor Lawrence T. Dolby and Frederick B. Dolby, both of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 3. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 23, 1957



A BLISTERING SUMMER DAY in 1912 had a good deal of similarity with those of 1957 in that the Main streets of a community were practically empty of shoppers. Most people headed for the beaches instead of sweltering in the heat of the city. Above is a print of Main street, Saco, in the summer of 1912, taken by Charles E. Moody.

It pictures a view of the main thoroughfare taken at the corner of Pleasant street looking toward Pepperell Square and the railroad. On the right are shown two popular stores of the day, the Daniel F. Littlefield wholesale produce and fruit market and in the foreground the Lyman B. Milliken hardware store.

Saco Couple Receive Guests At 65th Wedding Anniversary Fete

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, FRIDAY

EVENING, JANUARY 3, 1958

35.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredson C. Reed received guests at their 65th wedding anniversary fete yesterday in their home, 30 North street, Saco, which was decorated with flowers in the reception and dining room for the afternoon celebration.

Open house was held from 2 to 4 p. m. with Mrs. Stephanie Butler in charge of the guest book and Mrs. Nora York and Mrs. Harvey Stafford in charge of arrangements.

Signing the guest book register were Dorothy and Deborah Buswell, Tilton, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Leavitt, Sunapee, N. H.; Winthrop Buswell, Tilton, N. H.; Mrs. Nora York, Saco; Oliver W. Buswell, Tilton, N. H.; Mrs. Edith Bruce Waterhouse, Mrs. Winifred Sawyer, Mrs. Charles Moody, Mrs. Donald Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw, Mrs. Katharine Stacy, Arthur W. Andrews, Mary S. Fairfield, Mrs. Arnold E. Ballard, Mrs. Edmund Libby, Mrs. Ophelia Wakefield, Mrs. Gertrude Bean, Mrs. Edwin Tuttle, Mrs. Althea Carson, Mrs. LaDora Gannon, Mrs. Ralph Parslow,

Rev. Norman J. Langmaid, Mrs. Bertha S. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark, Mrs. Leon Libby, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Giles, Mrs. Stephanie Butler, Mrs. Eliza Stafford, Mrs. Clarence E. Carr, Mrs. Jon Hannaford, Mrs. Carl Dennett, Mrs. Richard L. Googins, Mrs. Ralph T. Lumb, Mrs. Philip P. Snow and Sally, Mrs. Sophie Mitchell, Mrs. Lucy Allen, Mrs. Alice Langmaid, Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Lundy, Saco.

Representing the Daughters of the American Revolution were Mrs. Ina Emery and Mrs. Margaret Strout.

Also registering were Mrs. Lillian M. Allen, Mrs. Philip R. Scamman, Mrs. Virginia Strom-Oliver, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. Beatrice (Reed) Batchelor, Mrs. Bernice (Reed) Wentworth, twin daughters of the guests of honor from Maryland, Mrs. Ella M. Luman, Mrs. Irene Libby, Sidney Palmer, Marion and Marev Foley, Mrs. Calista Morse, Hugh Carson, Walter York, Saco.

Miss Eva McClellan, Mrs. Linnette A. Martin and Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, all from Saco.



OPEN HOUSE and a reception was held Thursday afternoon at the North street residence, Saco, of Mr. and Mrs. Fredson C. Reed as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends and neighbors presented personal felicitations, gifts and flowers in honor of the occasion. They were married Jan. 2, 1893, in Grantham, N. H., at the home of the bride's parents. Reed, a native of Boothbay, retired from the Saco-Lowell shops in 1949. Previously he was employed at the Diamond Match company here, coming here from the lumber business in New Hampshire. The couple have twin daughters, Mrs. Beatrice R. Batchelor, Cheverly, Md., and Mrs. Bernice R. Wentworth, Riverdale, Md. Both were present for the celebration. Story on page 8.

Monday, December 16, 1957

Joseph F. Curtis, Veteran News Dealer, Dies At Age Of 76

Joseph F. Curtis, 76, well-known news dealer and chairman of the Biddeford board of registration, died this morning at a local hospital. He was a resident of 614A Mason street.

Born in this city, the son of Joseph M. and Elizabeth (Hobbs) Curtis, he graduated from Biddeford high school in 1907. He had owned and operated the Curtis News store on Main street for nearly one-half a century.

Prior to this he was a cigar manufacturer, starting the business at his home and later expanding to a store on the corner of Pine and Elm streets. Next he moved to a store where the Biddeford Hardware is now located. In 1923 he opened the Curtis News store in City building.

Active in Democratic circles in the city, he was a member of the Democratic Social club. He was a former alderman in Ward Six, a past president of the board of aldermen, and for 15 years was a member of the board of registration. He was appointed chairman of the registration board this year by Gov. Muskie.

Mr. Curtis was a lifelong communicant of St. Mary church and was active in parish affairs. He was one of the senior members of the Holy Name society, and was also a member of Division One, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He was interested in music, particularly the violin. In his younger life he took part in several local minstrel shows. He was married to the late Catherine Twomey Curtis.

Surviving are one son, William F. Curtis; one sister, Miss Mary Curtis, this city; one brother, Mark, Framingham, Mass.; sev-

eral nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are to be held Wednesday morning at 9 at St. Mary church. Friends may call at the Cosgrove funeral home, Elm street, from 6 to 10 this evening and from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Tuesday.

Wednesday, December 18, 1957



JOSEPH CURTIS

Funeral services for Joseph Curtis, well-known local news dealer, were held this morning at St. Mary church with Rev. Cornelius Enright, pastor, officiating at a solemn requiem high mass. He was assisted by Rev. Marc Franck of St. Joseph church as deacon and Rev. Francis Kane, curate at St. Mary church, as sub-deacon.

Singing was by William Cleary with Miss Louise Welch presiding at the organ.

Bearers were Albert P. Dubois, James J. Hickey, Peter J. Farley, Austin Hobbs, Jeremiah Twomey, Jr., and Thomas Simpson.

Burial was in the family lot at St. Mary cemetery with Father Kane saying prayers at the grave.

Thursday, January 9, 1958

Lewis M. Smith

Lewis M. Smith, 74, of 87 Spring street, Saco, a lifelong Saco resident and a retired manager of Swift and company branch, this city, who in late years had been employed as a contract painter, died suddenly late Wednesday afternoon after being stricken ill and collapsing while shovelling snow at his home.

He was the son of the late Jesse and Carrie (Muzzy) Smith. He was educated in Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy and Gray's Business college, Portland. While at the latter school, he was prominent in varsity athletic circles and was one of the academy's top ranking football players.

After serving as an employee and manager of the local headquarters of Swift and company for 25 years, he retired about 10 years ago. Since that period, he has followed his trade of a painter and painting contractor. He was a deacon emeritus and member of the board of trustees of the Saco United Baptist church.

Besides his widow, the former Mabelle Johnston, Saco, he

leaves a daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Baldwin, Norwichtown, Conn.; a son, J. Lawrence Smith, Ogunquit; a sister, Mrs. Harry Furber, Bar Mills; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2. Friends may call at the funeral home between 3 and 9 p. m., Friday.

January 13, 1958

LEWIS M. SMITH

Funeral services for Lewis M. Smith, 87 Spring street, Saco, a former manager of Swift and company's local office, and a deacon emeritus of the Saco United Baptist church, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saturday afternoon at 2.

Rev. David B. Howe, minister of the Saco United Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

The bearers were Harley A. Scammon, Philip Sanborn, Robert Biggar, Sr., John Strickland, Lawrence Tripp and Everett Ladd.

Biddeford Plans Centennial Program



BIDDEFORD TODAY—Here is a view of Biddeford's Main street between Adams and Jefferson streets as the city is today. Maine's fourth largest city, Biddeford will play host to

thousands of visitors at its centennial celebration next weekend. (Photos by Staff Photographer Whitcomb)



TO TEACH — Jane Atkinson, daughter of Mrs. Milton Atkinson, 156 North street, Saco, who received her Bachelor of Science degree last Friday from Gorham State Teachers College, will teach junior primary classes at Saco Grammar school, Waterville. Miss Atkinson, a kindergarten primary major, has been active in the A Cappella chorus, Student Council and Amicilia club, while at the college. She was also a member of Student Education Association of Maine and a sports enthusiast. Miss Atkinson has served as a member of the Women's Governing Board of the dormitory, and a member of the Women's Athletic Association Council.

Portland, Maine, Sunday

Telegram, Nov. 12, 1961



Vantine Photo

DORIS ROBERGE

SACO — Announcement made of the engagement of Miss Doris Roberge, daughter of Mrs. Alice Roy of Middle St., and Urbain Roberge of Westbrook, to Ralph E. Tarbox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Tarbox of Middle St.

Both are graduates of Thornton Academy.

Miss Roberge is employed by the Canal National Bank in Portland and Mr. Tarbox with Northeast Airlines at Presque Isle.



CENTENNIAL HOSTESSES—Daughters of the American Revolution, garbed in costumes of 100 years ago, will serve as hostesses at an exhibit of gowns of 1855 in the Biddeford United Baptist Church during the city's centennial. Left to right are Mrs. Raymond Riedel of Biddeford, Mrs. Anne E. Ballard of Saco, Mrs. Elizabeth Garland of Old Orchard Beach, Miss Thea Dennett of Saco, and Mrs. Grace Fitzpatrick of Kennebunk.

Celebration Will Be Held Next Weekend

BIDDEFORD, July 23—Gaily bannered streets and buildings will mark the opening of Biddeford's entry into its second century as a city next weekend.

The city is staging a three-day celebration of its incorporation in 1855. The centennial program will cite the progress of this former mill town that has grown into the fourth largest metropolis in Maine.

Mayor Louis B. Lausler will open the formal celebration at noon on Friday when the whistles and bells of the community will sound off a salute. From then until Sunday afternoon the program is paced with special exhibits, parades, street dancing, speeches and all the other regalia that goes into an occasion like this.

Biddeford's history dates back to early settlers who came here in 1603 and spent a winter at Biddeford Pool. Their success in dealing with the Indians and scratching out a living from the rocky soil is believed to be responsible for the Pilgrims' decision ten years later to leave England and settle here. They

arrived at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620.

Somes First Mayor

Biddeford first became a city in 1855 when Daniel Eton Somes was elected the first mayor. Somes, incidentally, was elected on the "Maine law" ticket sponsored by the dry element of the community.

It was the first and last time a political candidate got into office here on anything but a political party ticket.

Biddeford has grown from the days of sawmills here to the present textile mills and massive foundries that produce machinery for every section of the world. Priscilla and John Alden's first son built the first industry here in 1662.

Marking the weekend observance will be open house programs at several churches and halls throughout the city. Hostesses for the displays will be gowned in clothes of the period they represent.

In Pepperell Hall an industrial exhibit will be displayed by the several manufacturing firms in the city. On the Memorial Field Saturday afternoon a sports program for youngsters will be held followed by a band concert and fireworks.

Muskie To Speak

The high point of the program will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock when Gov. Edmund S. Muskie and other state and local officials will speak at commemorative services in City Square. A street dance will follow in the square.

The hundreds of Maine visitors in York County have been invited to attend the centennial celebrations. Biddeford is the trading center for all of coastal York County and these tourists make the city their summer headquarters for shopping and entertainment.

The department stores and variety shops throughout the city have set up special exhibits for the three-day weekend, and one store plans to gown all its sales personnel in clothes of the 19th century.

Adding a modern note to the centennial will be the Bates "Disciplined Fabrics" fashion show at Biddeford High School Friday afternoon. This exhibit will feature the cloth made at Bates Mfg. Co. mills here and in Lewiston by local craftsmen on machines built here.

The Biddeford Fire Department will stage a field day Saturday afternoon on Lincoln Street that precedes a parade from the Central Fire Station. At the same time a sports program for youngsters will be held

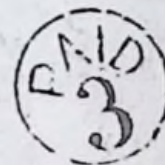
at Memorial Field under the auspices of the Biddeford - Saco Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A band concert will be held at the field, starting at 8 p.m. Music will be played by Painchaud's Band, the city's oldest musical organization. Fireworks will be set off at 9:30 p.m.

The celebration winds up on a religious note Sunday morning with all the churches taking part.



BIDDEFORD 95 YEARS AGO—Here's how Biddeford's Main street looked 95 years ago. The picture was copied from a photo made available through the courtesy of Dane York, librarian for the McArthur Public Library. The view here is also of the section between Adams and Jefferson (then called Cedar) streets.



Mr. Henry M. Bacon
Sent - College
Hayden - M H

In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
EDWARD C. WHITMAN	April 30, 1918	Feb. 7, 1957
LLOYD L. COLE, P. H. P.	Dec. 21, 1921	Mar. 15, 1957
SIDNEY A. STAPLES	Feb. 3, 1899	Mar. 17, 1957
WILLIAM D. ADAMS	Aug. 15, 1921	April 2, 1957
ADNEY J. FENDERSON, P. H. P.	May 18, 1903	May 1, 1957
EUGENE E. BENSON	Dec. 18, 1923	May 7, 1957
WILLIAM H. DEERING	Mar. 15, 1927	Aug. 10, 1957
ISRAEL H. HERRICK	Nov. 20, 1903	Aug. 28, 1957
EDWARD C. THOMPSON	May 28, 1919	Sept. 29, 1957

William E. Emery, 82, Dies At Home In Saco

William E. Emery, 82, a life-long resident of Saco, employed at the Saco-Lowell shops for 60 years, died this forenoon at his residence, 361 Beach street, after a brief illness.

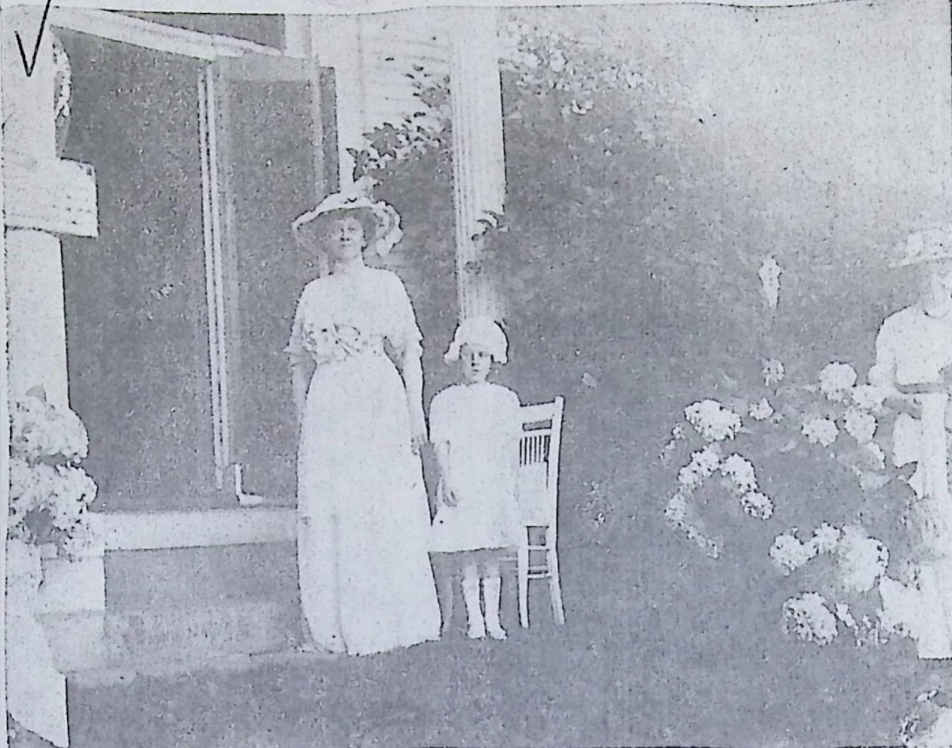
Born in Saco, he was the son of Jonas and Sarah (Langley) Emery. He attended the public schools of Saco and retired from the Saco-Lowell shops eight years ago. He was in the machinist department.

He was a member of the Saco United Baptist church, Hobah Encampment, Saco Rebekah lodge and a 60-year member of Saco lodge, IOOF.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Carrie M. Emery; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret L. Anderson, Bergenfield, N. J., and Mrs. Dorothy P. O'Connor, New London, Conn.; a grandchild, Andree L. Anderson, several nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p. m. from the Shumway funeral home, Spring street, Saco. Friends may call on Saturday from 2-4 p. m. and Sunday evening, 7-9.

The Odd Fellows will hold services Sunday evening at 8. Both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will gather at 7:45 p. m. at the funeral home for the 8 o'clock ceremony.

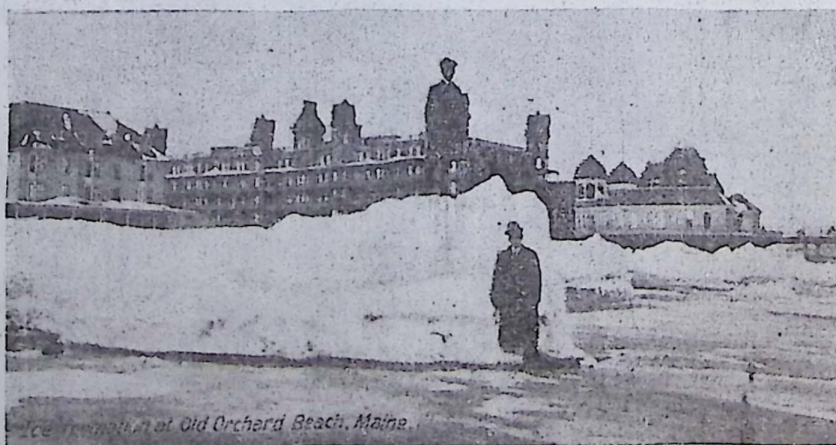


QUILLCOTE, the Maine home of the famous Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin Riggs, bordering on the Saco river, which she described so often in her books, was the scene of this picture. It was August, 1913, and the Dorcas fair was being held. The doors of Quillcote were hospitably thrown open for natives and summer visitors alike at the affair. The gowns of Mrs. Riggs, standing in front of the door, and Mrs. William Moulton, standing at

the right, are typical of the day, and the child standing by the chair is done up in her best for the occasion also. The hydrangea bushes in full bloom add their own note of beauty to this photo taken by Charles E. Moody in 1913. Note the sign tacked on the front of the Grecian pillar of the porch. It was all the publicity they needed in those days to bring folks from the surrounding countryside for the Dorcas Society fair.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 1953

Way Back When—



The legend at the bottom of this picture says that this is an ice formation at Old Orchard Beach, but someone advanced the idea that it might be the winter ice crop on the shores of the Atlantic awaiting storage. The picture shows the pier, on the right, and in the background, the Velvet hotel,

one of the finest on the east coast before the 1907 fire which destroyed most of the business section at the resort. The fellow in the foreground sporting an iron hat and a long black duster is typical of the well-dressed young man of that era.

al, Monday, October 21, 1957

Mrs. Robert A. Barker

Mrs. Amelia Jane Barker, widow of Robert A. Barker, died this morning at her home, 307 Main street, Saco, at the age of 87.

She was born in this city the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Harrison) Etchells and was graduated from Biddeford High school in 1888. Before her marriage she taught at the former Pool street school.

She was a member of the Thursday club and the Foss street Methodist church. She was the oldest member of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, recently receiving a life membership pin from the organization.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Paul Willson, Saco; one son, Warren E. Barker, Cohasset, Mass.; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Flood, this city; one brother, Joseph Etchells, Kennebunkport; one granddaughter, Miss Jane Barker, Cohasset; two grandsons, Paul B. Willson, Cohasset and Carl E. Willson, Framingham, Mass.; one great granddaughter, Martha Jane Willson, Cohasset.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco, where friends may call Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m.

1, Tuesday, March 18, 1958

Mrs. Ernest Harmon

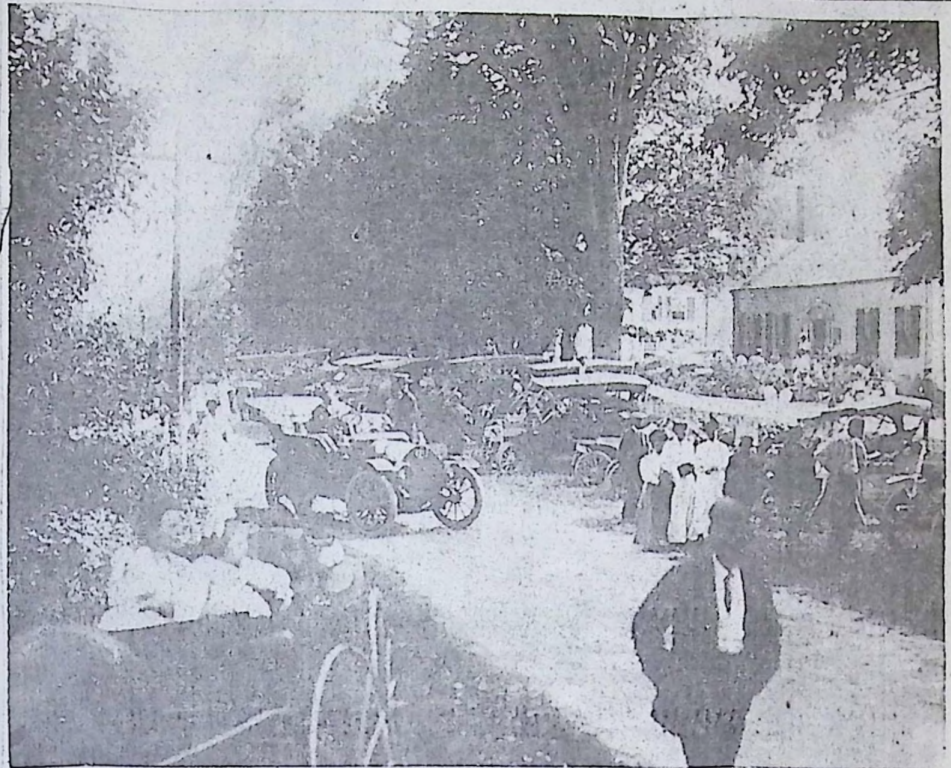
Mrs. Emily A. Harmon, 77, wife of Ernest L. Harmon, 36 Orchard street, this city, died this morning at a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born in Sackville, N. B., the daughter of the late Henry P. and Augusta (Bent) Atkinson, she came to this city with her family at the age of 8, when her father became engaged in the furniture business here. She was educated in the local schools and upon graduation, taught for a while in the rural school on the Pool road, later transferring to the Birch street school, where she taught until her marriage in 1906.

Mrs. Harmon was an active member of the Biddeford United Baptist church, a 50-year member of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Thursday club.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Paul M. Woodman, Saco; a son, Carl H. Harmon, York; three grandchildren, Melville, Harmon and Faith Woodman, Saco; three sisters, Gertrude, Violet and Beatrice Atkinson, Saco, and several nieces and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with Rev. Morley J. Duross, pastor of the Biddeford Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.



A SUMMER FAIR will always be a popular activity with town and country folk alike. Such is the case of the Dorcas Society fair which is held each August at Buxton Lower Corner. But what a change there has been since this picture of the 1911 Dorcas fair was taken, especially the difference in wearing apparel and the automobiles.

The photo was taken by Charles E. Moody on the road above Quillcote, Salmon Falls, and at the right is the home of "Aunt Susan Sweat," a cheerful, witty lady who was greatly admired by Kate Douglas Wiggin, the Maine author. The large home located in the rear of the photograph was that of Dr. Charles B. Frothingham, father of Mrs. Marion Dexheimer, this city.

AY, EVENING, AUGUST 4, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Lassell-Ward House, Ferry lane, was built by Captain Israel Lassell about 1788, in which year he married Abigail Hill of Biddeford. Captain Lassell had then come from Arundel (now Kennebunkport) where his grandfather had settled in 1723. Captain Lassell sailed ships and owned ships; he was one of Biddeford's prominent men of affairs for many years. Following Captain Lassell the house is known to have been occupied by members of the Ward family for almost 100 years. When this house was built Ferry lane was still an important route to travellers crossing the Saco river to and from Portland.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

urnal, Friday, August 30, 1957

Paul K. Goodwin

Paul Kenneth Goodwin, a resident of 92 Bradley street, Saco, and a former Democratic alderman there, died Thursday evening at a local hospital after a short illness. He was 61 years of age.

Born in Saco, the son of Alphonso M. and Sophronia (Huff) Goodwin, he attended Thornton academy where he was a prominent athlete. He was employed by the Saco-Lowell shops for many years before his retirement. A veteran of World War I, he attended the United Baptist church. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret (Sheehan) Goodwin; one brother, Alan M. Goodwin, Saco; two sisters, Mrs. George Zink, Saco, and Mrs. Marion E. Dow, Saco.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 4 to 9.

Monday, September 16, 1957

Benjamin Meserve Dies At Age Of 82

Benjamin Wilbur Meserve, 7 Hall avenue, Saco, died early this morning at his home at the age of 82.

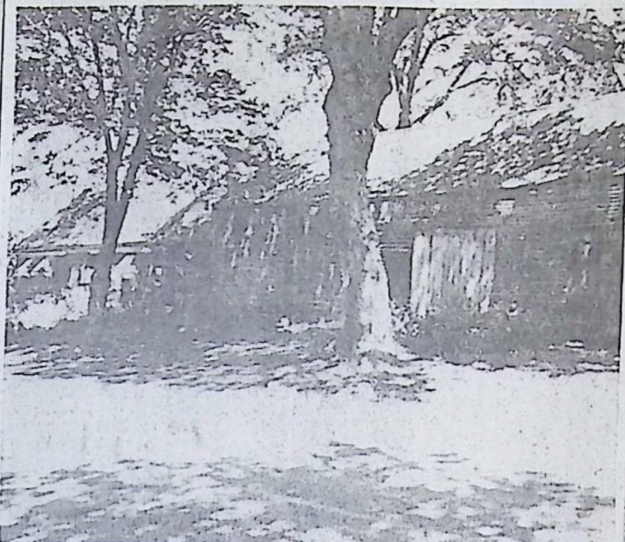
He was born in Saco, the son of Robert and Jenney Hill Meserve and attended Saco schools. For over 50 years he was self-employed as the operator of a moving and express business. He was a member of Saco lodge, IOOF, and an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hattie B. (Scammon) Meserve; one son, Ralph Meserve, Saco; one daughter, Mrs. George Smith, Waterboro; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call Tuesday evening after 7.

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Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Jordan-Gay house, 303 Pool road, was the home of Captain Rishworth Jordan, a shipmaster in the days of sail. When Captain Jordan died in 1889 it was said that he had lived in this house, between voyages, for a period of 63 years. This would show that the house was standing in 1826 and is thus more than 125 years old. Captain Jordan's grandson, Robert H. Gay, now occupies the old home.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

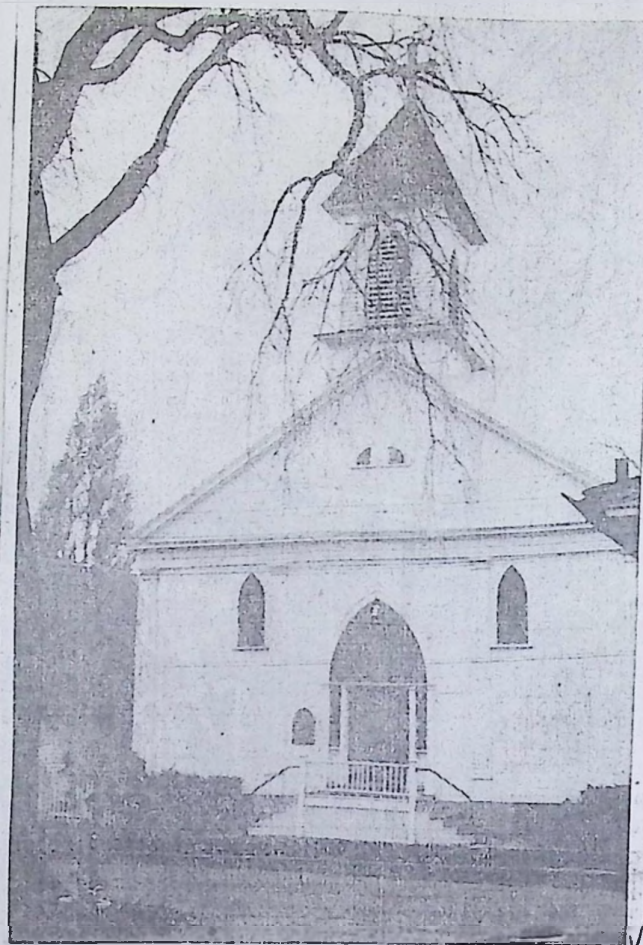
erald, Tuesday, March 11, 1958



Observes 92nd Birthday

Miss Annie Innes observed her 92nd birthday Sunday with an open house at her 111 Temple St., home in Saco, arranged by friends and relatives. Miss Innes was born in Wickham, P.Q., March 9, 1866, and came to the Saco-Biddeford area when 10 years old. She had been a bookkeeper in the Old York Mills and for the D. F. Littlefield Wholesale Fruit and Produce Company. Miss Innes received many cards and flowers during the surprise open house held after she returned from attending Trinity Episcopal Church. (By Staff Photographer Dexter)

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THE ALTAR and altar appointments from Trinity Episcopal church in Saco will be moved intact from this site to the interim chapel on Cleveland street during the construction of the new house of worship. The chapel on Cleveland street will be ready for worship soon, with the altar forming a continuous link from the old to the new. The Episcopal parish in Saco is one of the oldest parishes in the country, dating from 1636 when Rev. Fernando Gorges officiated at services along the banks of the Saco river. The parish existed until 1727 when it discontinued open meetings and resorted to house meetings at private exercises. In November, 1827, the parishioners returned to open worship with the dedication of the Pleasant street church which had been constructed in meeting-house style with box pews. These pews are now free but were hired privately in former days. Rev. Horatius Potter, later Bishop of New York, was rector in 1827. Rev. Gene Scaringi is now rector of the parish and charting the growth of the new parish quarters recently purchased on Cleveland street in Saco. This Sunday Church-school will resume in rooms at the new site and the interim chapel will be ready within three weeks. Permission from the Episcopal Bishop in Portland and a church committee had to be obtained to use the interim chapel for the next few weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Scaringi will occupy the rector's apartment on the second floor when ready and remodeling is now going on for the first floor chapel and parish recreational facilities.

Thursday, March 13, 1958

Mrs. G. W. Bridgman

Mrs. Nellie Gertrude Bridgman, 89, widow of George W. Bridgman, died early this morning at her home, 141 Alfred street.

She was born in Biddeford, the daughter of John and Abbie (Brackett) Townsend. She was the oldest member of the Biddeford Universalist church, and a member of the Daughters of Ruth group of that church.

Survivors include a daughter, Miss Laura G. Bridgman, this city; one son, Herbert M. Bridgman, Pasadena, Calif.; one grandson, Herbert, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Percy L. Tate, this city, and Mrs. Franklin J. Witham, Augusta; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with Rev. Edmund W. Beal, pastor of the Universalist and Unitarian churches officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 3 to 8 p. m.

Samuel Batchelder Merits High Praise As Biddeford's Textile Mill Pathfinder

By ROY WHITCOMB
(Staff Correspondent)

BIDDEFORD, July 27 — If any one man could be singled out of the passing parade of Biddeford citizens and honored for his contributions to its growth, Samuel Batchelder is my choice.

Batchelder came to this town in 1831 after successfully starting a textile industry in Lowell, Mass. He recognized the power potential of the Saco River and immediately started to build.

HE ORGANIZED the Saco Water Power Company and started to build textile machines.

He started the Laconia Mills, forerunner of today's Pepperell and Bates mills that turn out millions of yards of cloth each year.

With Batchelder's financial backing, the city's mills grew so that by 1855 there were 100,000 spindles working, with 3,000 men employed in the mills. There were 11 textile mills and a textile machine factory.

When he came here, only a few small industries had started, most of them in the lumber and woods products field.

The mills merged and the Pepperell was founded in 1844. It was many years later that the Saco-Lowell Shops came into existence, but their beginning had been made with the water power machine company.

Other industrialists joined Batchelder in his textile ventures along the banks of the Saco. Together, the men made the community attractive to workers and their products attractive to a world-wide market.

The well-known Pepperell red dragon trademark was made in 1854 when Admiral Perry opened the trade lines to the Orient. He carried Pepperell

sheets and Biddeford-made drills with him.)

IT WAS BIDDEFORD'S rapid growth in the mid-19th Century that forced the community to seek better government in a municipal corporation. In the five

years that preceded the city's incorporation, 23 new streets and 600 buildings were constructed. The population jumped to 12,000 in ten years from a little over 2,000.

This weekend, Biddeford citizens will honor the city's first 100 years as a municipality. They will also parade and dance in the streets as echoes of the past ring in their ears from every street corner and fill their eyes at every store window.

The city is going into its second century. Batchelder, who died many years ago, never reached his. But his spirit and courage have been the watchword of this river town that grew up, and when the flags start flying and the bands singing, today's residents may feel that Samuel Batchelder did make it.



McArthur Public Library Photo
Samuel Batchelder ... started great trend



First Mayor

Daniel E. Somes, elected March 10, 1855, to serve as Biddeford's first mayor, opening the community's first century as a city.

Wendell Sawyer, Ex-Football Star At Bowdoin, Dies

SACO—Wendell Carter Sawyer, 43, former Bowdoin College football star, died Sunday afternoon in a Biddeford hospital after a short illness.

He was born here Sept. 21, 1914, son of Harry and Carrie Rice Sawyer.

He was educated in local schools and graduated from Thornton Academy and Bowdoin where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He was an outstanding athlete in both high school and college, and was captain of the Bowdoin football team for two seasons.

Since last September he had been a coach and teacher at Thornton.

Mr. Sawyer had been employed at the Diamond Match Co. in Biddeford for several years and for 10 years, prior to last year, had been employed by the Central Maine Power Co.

He attended the Saco United Baptist Church, and was a naval lieutenant during World War II.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Cobb Sawyer; a son, David Cobb Sawyer; a sister, Mrs. Carl R. Larson of Brookline, Mass.; a brother, Harry S. Jr., of this city; a niece and a nephew.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the United Baptist Church, the Rev. David B. Howe, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

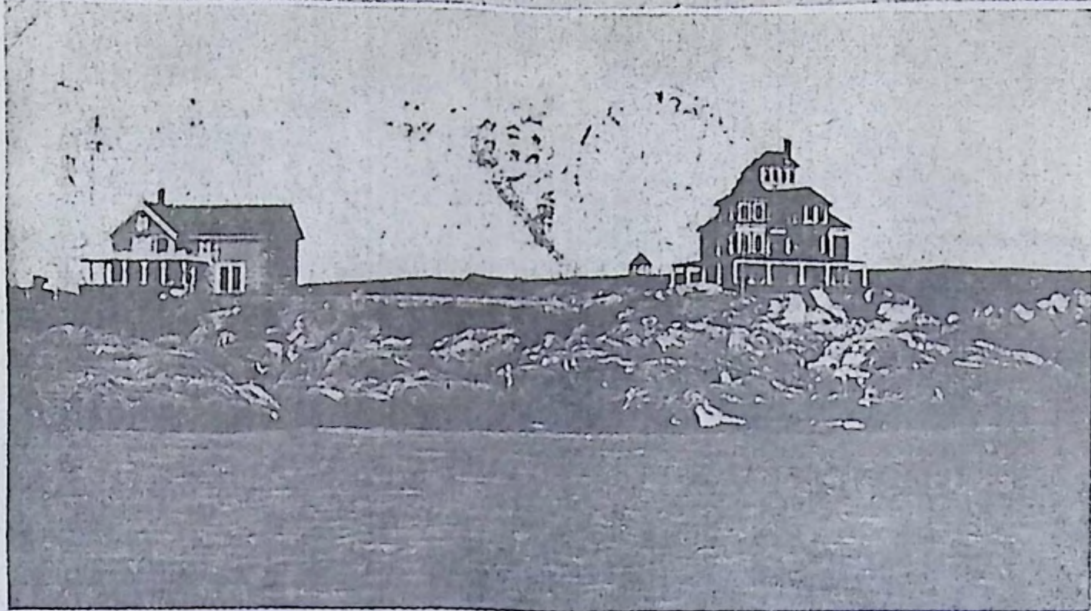
OCTOBER 26, 1953

Way Back When—



Driving an automobile over this type of road would have been quite hazardous but not so to horses and teams. Pictured above, way back in 1913, is a team of horses owned by the city of Biddeford and used at the Homestead. Seated on the left is the late Alfred Martel while the man on the right is identified only as Mr. Murphy. The photo was taken in front of the building known as the Blarney Block on Main street.

Way Back When - In Biddeford



The waterfront at Biddeford Pool near the junction of Main street and Ocean avenue as it looked in the early 1900's. The Eagle's Nest, extreme right, was built by the late Frank Cole, proprietor of a cigar shop just above Liggett's. We have it on good authority that Frank and a few friends

erected the cottage making the trip to and from the Pool with horse and buggy. The corner has been pretty well built up since, and the Eagle's Nest is now owned by the estate of the late Mrs. Stockton Buzby.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Journal, Monday, July 11, 1955



Mrs. Richard Miller

Biddeford Girl Made Bride Of Springvale Man

The First Universalist church was the scene of a wedding ceremony Saturday afternoon at 4 when Miss Marjorie Jane Woodman, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd G. Woodman, 250 Elm street, and the late Lloyd G. Woodman, became the bride of Richard Arthur Miller, son of Mrs. John Miller, Springvale.

White gladioli and fern formed the background for the service which was performed by Rev. Walter E. Kellison, superintendent of Universalist churches of Maine. Traditional organ selections were rendered by Miss Mary Robbins.

Given in marriage by her brother, Rev. Richard M. Woodman, Binghamton, N. Y., the bride wore a princess lined gown of white silk organza and rose point lace over slipper taffeta, fashioned with a scooped neckline, short sleeves and long organza pointed mitts. The bouffant skirt featured inserts of lace and extended into a sweeping train. Her headpiece of organza was edged with lace medallions and seed pearls, and was styled with a fingertip veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of English ivy, white roses and stephanotis.

Miss Joan Shirley Woodman, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Ralph M. Clark, Somerville, Mass., and Miss Melissa Parker, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y., college classmates of the bride.

All were gown in crystalette blue ballerina gowns, styled with square necklines, short sleeves, princess waists and full skirts with draping bows. They carried

bouquets of ivy and pink roses and wore headpieces of matching flowers.

Paul Remick, Jr., Kennebunk, college classmate of the groom, served as the best man. Ushers were John Miller, Ogunquit, brother of the groom, and Alan B. Hodges, Houlton, college classmate of the bridegroom.

A reception followed in the church vestry which was decorated with white gladioli and ferns.

Mrs. Woodman, mother of the bride, wore an iridescent green silk over taffeta dress, with pink accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother, Mrs. Miller, wore a nylon print dress of navy and white with white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, following which they will reside at 22 Wattleton avenue, North Haven, Conn. For traveling the bride chose a charcoal brown dressmaker suit, with coffee-frost accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

The bride graduated from Biddeford high school, University of Maine and the Merrill-Palmer school, Detroit, Mich. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Omicron Nu and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and is a kindergarten teacher in North Haven schools.

Miller, who is an Army veteran, graduated from Sanford high school and the University of Maine. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and is employed as a civil engineer associated with Westcot and Mapes, New Haven, Conn.

Biddeford-Saco Journal,

Friday, August 12, 1960

Ralph W. Bean

Ralph W. Bean, 82, died suddenly at his residence, 78 Harrison avenue, Saco, early last night.

Born in Saco, the son of Joel and Ida E. (Hanson) Bean, he attended Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy in the class of 1896.

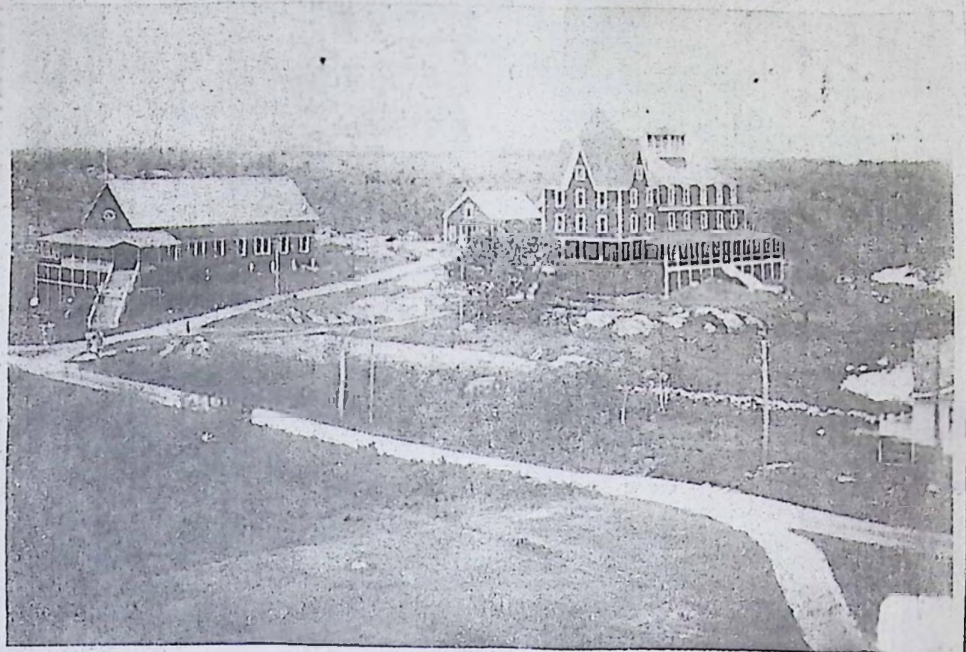
For over 40 years he operated a grocery store at Smith's corner, Biddeford, and for a number of years was employed by the York manufacturing company before his retirement several years ago.

A former Saco assessor, Bean was a life member of Adah chapter, OES, Biddeford, and a member of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

He is survived by one brother, Roger J. Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home tonight

Way Back When -- In Biddeford



The picture above shows the Casino and Hotel Rocks as it looked to observers in the year 1910, when the buildings were atop Fortunes Rocks.

Several years later both buildings were razed to the ground by fire. This photo was loaned to the McArthur Library by R. H. Gay.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

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Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Friday, July 26, 1957

In Memoriam

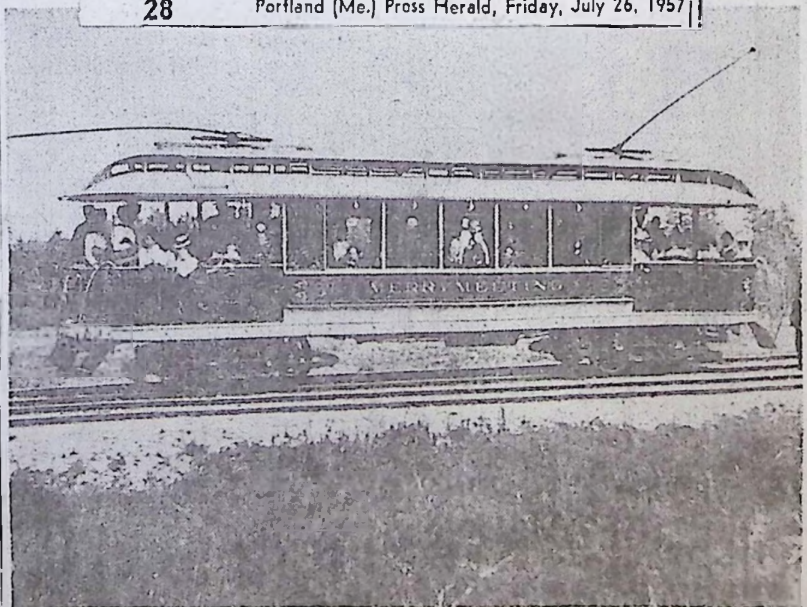
These Companions have passed away since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
ORVILLE B. POLLARD	June 26, 1929	April 7, 1962
CHARLES L. BENJAMIN	Nov. 8, 1920	May 30, 1962
ARTHUR L. HAMILTON	April 8, 1920	July 9, 1962
DAVID F. PATTERSON	June 13, 1962	July 16, 1962
ROBERT P. NUTTER	April 27, 1946	Nov. 10, 1961
RICHARD A. LIBBY	April 18, 1910	Dec. 13, 1962

One by one we miss the voices
That we loved so well to hear;
One by one their kindly faces
In the Darkness disappear;

One by one they cross the chasm
And they pass beyond recall;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.

"SO MOTE IT BE"



The Luxurious Merrymeeting Car

It cost three times the price of an ordinary trolley car and gave many times as much pleasure just before the turn of the century and after. This was the palace car, Merrymeeting, rented out by the day for excursions to Merrymeeting Park, located opposite what is now Brunswick Naval Air Station. Extravagantly appointed, the \$7,000 car was delivered in 1899, about a year after the 50-acre park opened. The Merrymeeting was 43 feet long with observation platforms at both ends. The center section, richly fitted with plush drapes and velvet carpets, had easy chairs and movable tables. The park's popularity faded after about 15 years and the automobile age made it only a memory.

A. A. O. N. M. S.



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The Eternal Light

KORA TEMPLE

A. A. O. N. M. S., LEWISTON, MAINE

ANNOUNCES

ITS FIFTH ANNUAL

Memorial Service

IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ITS TEMPLE

Sunday, January 26, 1958

AT 2:30 P. M.

SPECIAL MUSIC AND A FITTING PROGRAM ARRANGED BY
THE TEMPLE BAND AND CHANTERS
AND A SELECTED CAST

Noble	Residence	Date of Death
FREDERICK HALBERTS	Portland, Maine	Dec. 28, 1957
EDWARD A. HENDRICKSON	Portland, Maine	Jan. 10, 1957
CHARLES EDGAR HICKS	Portland, Maine	Mar. 11, 1957
FRED S. HIGGINS	Gray, Maine	Dec. 24, 1957
ALBERT F. HUTCHINSON	Portland, Maine	Jan. 20, 1957
WESLEY HARRISON HYDE	Boothbay Harbor, Maine	Feb. 9, 1957
GEORGE W. JENKINS	Kittery, Maine	Feb. 25, 1957
BERNAL HALE JEWETT	Alna, Maine	Nov. 5, 1957
CARL S. JOHNSON	Portland, Maine	Aug. 9, 1957
GEORGE E. JONES	Augusta, Maine	Nov. 14, 1957
CLARENCE JOY	Auburn, Maine	Dec. 4, 1957
JOSEPH B. KAHILL	Portland, Maine	June 29, 1957
CLAUDE WAVERLY LAMSON	Portland, Maine	Sept. 15, 1957
THEODORE ROOSEVELT LANE	Auburn, Maine	Dec. 28, 1957
LLOYD JENNINGS LEIGHTON	Winthrop, Maine	Sept. 1, 1957
ERNEST THADDEUS LEWIS	Portland, Maine	Feb. 14, 1957
RALPH H. LEWIS	Lewiston, Maine	Oct. 12, 1957
I. RAY LIBBY	Portland, Maine	Oct. 29, 1957
VERNOR ALLEN LIBBEY	Concord, N. H.	Nov. 6, 1957
JOHN INGRAHAM LISCOMB	Scarborough, Maine	Nov. 19, 1957
CLARENCE HAYES LUNT	Thomaston, Maine	Nov. 17, 1957
EUGENE M. MCCARTHY	Rumford, Maine	May 3, 1957
EDWARD F. MAXIM	Portland, Maine	Nov. 16, 1957
GUY HOLMES MESSENGER	York Beach, Maine	May 18, 1957
JOHN MICHAEL MOSCOVIS	Lewiston, Maine	Dec. 25, 1957
HORACE E. MUNROE	Auburn, Maine	Sept. 1, 1957
CLARENCE C. PEASLEE	Portland, Maine	Feb. 16, 1957
BRADFORD P. PERKINS	Clearwater, Fla.	1957
WILFRED P. PERRY	Augusta, Maine	Dec. 24, 1956
FRED W. PETERSON	Portland, Maine	Jan. 30, 1957

RALPH LINWOOD PULLEN	Augusta, Maine	Nov. 30, 1957
GEORGE P. PULSIFER	Poland, Maine	Feb. 5, 1957
LEON CALVIN ROBERTS	Dallas, Texas	Aug. 2, 1957
WILLIAM H. ROGERS	So. Portland, Maine	Jan. 20, 1957
CHANCES HERBERT SAMPSON	No. Vassalboro, Maine	July 17, 1957
HAROLD A. SEAVEY	Portland, Maine	April 1, 1957
SIDNEY A. STAPLES	Saco, Maine	Mar. 7, 1957
EUGENE W. STRONG	Waterville, Maine	Feb. 3, 1957
WILLIAM TETLOW	Lewiston, Maine	June 23, 1957
FRANK P. TRUE	Augusta, Maine	Nov. 8, 1957
GUY A. VARNEY	Windsorville, Maine	Oct. 7, 1957
MILLARD F. WATSON	So. Portland, Maine	Aug. 20, 1957
DAVID WILCOX	Kennebunkport, Maine	May 20, 1957
EMERY WILLARD	Portland, Maine	Oct. 25, 1957
PERCY HAROLD WILLIAMS	Waterville, Maine	Dec. 15, 1957
WILLIAM JAMES YOUNG	Lincolnville Beach, Me.	Dec. 8, 1957
HARRY ZALLEN	Auburn, Maine	June 25, 1957
J. FRANKLIN ANDERSON	Hallowell, Maine	July 5, 1957
THOMAS MARCELLUS AYER	Lisbon Falls, Maine	Aug. 11, 1957
GEORGE E. BEARCE	Lewiston, Maine	July 6, 1957
HENRY WALTER BECK	Gray, Maine	June 4, 1957
HAROLD V. BICKMORE	Portland, Maine	Sept. 9, 1957
DANIEL B. BLANCHARD	Auburn, Maine	June 20, 1957
ALBERT C. BOWIE	Auburn, Maine	April 27, 1957
AUGUS BOYD	Portland, Maine	Jan. 2, 1957
HORATIO N. S. BRACKETT	Portland, Maine	Feb. 25, 1957
CARROLL H. BREWSTER	Lewiston, Maine	Mar. 20, 1957
THEODORE J. BROWN	Portland, Maine	Sept. 15, 1957
THOMAS S. A. BROWN	Portland, Maine	Nov. 29, 1957
HARRY WILLIAM BUKER	Monrovia, Calif.	Sept. 1957
EDWARD BYRON	Gardiner, Maine	Jan. 1, 1957
ARTHUR FREEMAN CARSON	So. Portland, Maine	Feb. 17, 1957
DON CHAMBERLIN	Kennebunk, Maine	Jan. 12, 1957
HENRY I. COHEN	Lewiston, Maine	Sept. 4, 1957
JOSEPH COOK	Poland Spring, Maine	Dec. 31, 1957
THOMAS MCKIE COULTON	Oxford, Maine	Dec. 21, 1957
RAYMOND TYLER CURRIER	Lewiston, Maine	Mar. 4, 1957
GEORGE T. DAVEE	Foxcroft, Maine	June 18, 1956
MAURICE DION	Lewiston, Maine	Nov. 11, 1957
SAMUEL OWEN DOWNING	Kennebunk, Maine	Dec. 2, 1957
NATHAN ELTON EGAN	Auburn, Maine	Dec. 7, 1956
GEORGE IRVING FLINT	Saco, Maine	Mar. 19, 1957
GEORGE A. FROST	Lisbon, Maine	June 11, 1957
CHESTER ATKINS FULLER	Hallowell, Maine	Feb. 9, 1957
HERBERT LESLIE GATCHELL	Auburn, Maine	Mar. 29, 1957
WILLIAM G. GIVEN	Augusta, Maine	Sept. 16, 1957

In Memoriam

"One by one we miss the voices
That we loved so well to hear;
One by one their kindly faces
In the darkness disappear;
No one knows the door that opens
Through which they pass beyond recall;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall."

nday Telegram, April 24, 1960

MRS. MARGARET K. ADAMS
SACO—Mrs. Margaret Knox Adams, 93, widow of James Adams, died Thursday evening in Jersey City, N.J.
A former resident of this city, Mrs. Adams had been a summer resident of Ocean Park for many years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.
She is survived by four daughters, the Misses Margaret, Ruth, Marion and Helen, all of Jersey City.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., this city. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

EDGAR E. THURSTON
SCARBOROUGH — Edgar E. Thurston, 89, died Thursday at his home at Dunstan after a long illness.
Born at Scarborough July 7, 1870, he was long employed by A. R. Wright Co., retiring about 10 years ago.
Mr. Thurston was a member and deacon of West Scarborough Methodist Church. His wife, the former Bessie A. Nutter, died in 1956.
He leaves several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in West Scarborough Methodist Church. Burial will be in Dunstan Cemetery.



BPW OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the Biddeford-Saco Business and Professional Women's Club who were installed Monday evening at their annual meeting and dinner. They are, front, left to right, Miss Thea Dennett, first vice president; and Miss Dorothy Grant, president. Back, Miss Helen Larratte, secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Mack, treasurer. (By Staff Photographer Whitcomb)

JULY 25, 1953

Prospective Bride



Mrs. James R. Black, 36 King street, Saco, is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to George E. Mapes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mapes, Buxton road, Saco. Miss Black was graduated from Thornton academy in June. Mapes is a graduate of Thornton academy. He served four years in the U. S. Marine Corps and is now attending Portland Junior college.

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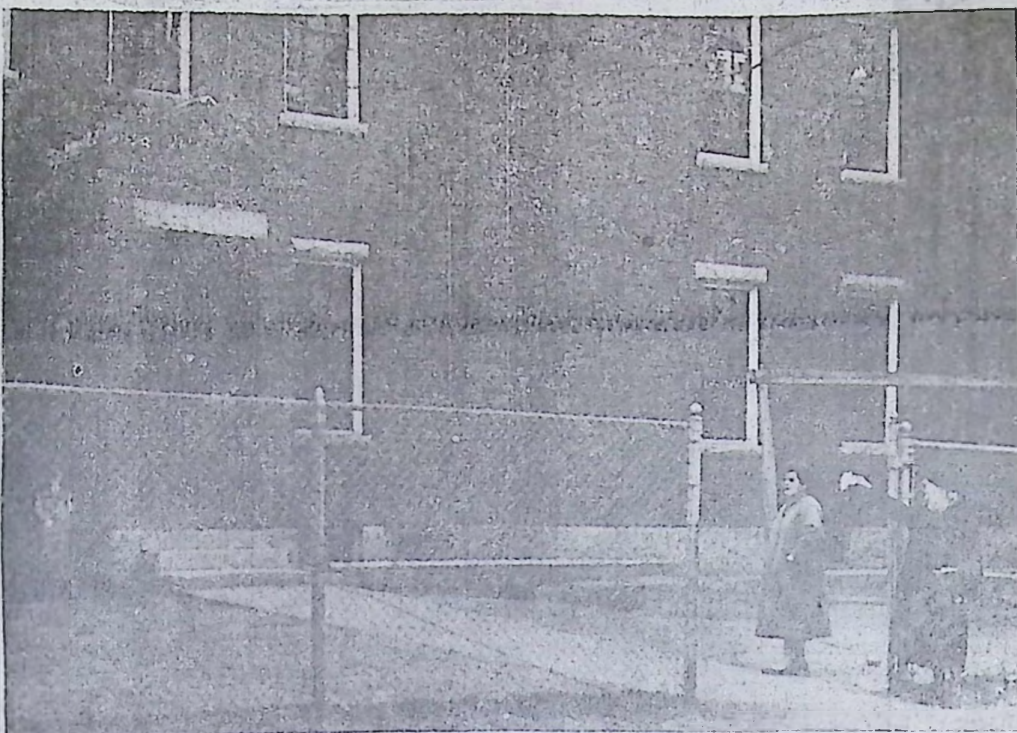
FOR 14 YEARS outstanding service as secretary for the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, Carl Parcher, right, was awarded a plaque at the club's noonday luncheon meeting Wednesday. Harold Hallisey, past president, left, made the presentation.

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Thursday, January 23, 1958

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CELEBRATING his 91st birthday on Friday will be Ralph Merrow, well-known retired Saco grocer, who is now residing at the Leech convalescent home in Kennebunk. Still hale and hearty, he takes daily walks and usually ends up in a chair on the Kennebunk Inn porch to chat with the friendly residents of that community. Prior to his retirement about 26 years ago, he was proprietor of a grocery store on Main street, Saco, for 40 years. He was a resident of Saco for more than 50 years, coming from Cape Neddick where he was born. Eight years ago he broke a hip in a fall, and after hospitalization was taken to the convalescent home. Much of his time is spent reading and listening to the radio. He is able to boast of reading without glasses and has perfect hearing. Mr. Merrow has three sons, Earl Merrow, Nyack, N. Y., Clifford Merrow, Portland, and Amos Merrow, this city. He is the grandfather of three and has two great-grandchildren.



NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN, despite the fact that its doors will swing shut tomorrow, is the Moody school in Saco, which has been a symbol of learning in that community for 104 years. Shown above waving a fond farewell to the school, where she taught for 37 years, is Miss Elizabeth Sweetser, on the right. With the retired

teacher is Miss Irene Anagnostis, now teaching at Moody school, and a former pupil of Miss Sweetser. Following the spring vacation students of the Spring street building will be transferred to the new and modern building that has been constructed on North street, Saco, the Theodore Young school.

Closing Of Moody School At Saco Friday Bringing End To 104-Year Old Span Of Educational Value

Tomorrow will mark the conclusion of an era in the Saco school system, as the doors to Moody school are closed after 104 years of invaluable service to the community.

Beginning on April 22 the youngsters, who were taught their reading, writing and arithmetic at Moody, will gather their earliest wealth of knowledge at the newly erected Theodore Young school on North street, Saco.

Despite the fact that Moody will never again house bright-eyed and eager students, the memories that are housed in the walls of the building will never be forgotten by the pupils who carried their books to the Spring street school or by the many teachers who taught there.

And among the instructors who fondly remember their careers at the school is Miss Elizabeth Sweetser, who on Monday went back for the last time to visit her former classrooms and to chat with some of the present teachers.

Former Students

Two of those on the staff today were former students of Miss Sweetser. One is the principal, Miss Sarah Emmons, and the

other is Miss Irene Anagnostis.

For 37 years Miss Sweetser was an accredited teacher at Moody, beginning in 1907. However, her career in teaching started in 1901 when she taught at Sanford. During the next two years she was a teacher at Wells and Tamworth, N. H. In 1903, Miss Sweetser was at Locke school in the sub-primary grade, next went to Nonesuch school for one year and at Jordan school in Saco from 1905 to 1908.

Miss Sweetser noted with interest that a number of the present Saco teachers are former Moody school pupils. They are Miss Geraldine Fenderson, Mrs. Margaret Emmons, Miss Sarah Emmons, Miss Agnes Cunningham, Miss Sadie Haines, Mrs. Esther Emmons and Miss Irene Anagnostis.

Others who taught in Saco schools and who also attended Moody were Mrs. Althea Carson, Mrs. Gertrude Proctor, Mrs. Alice Libby, Miss Sweetser, Mrs. Isabel Buker and Miss Harriet McKeen.

Built in 1853, Moody school originally had two primary rooms downstairs, each having an entrance, one from Green street and one from the Spring street side. Still another en-

trance on Spring street led upstairs to the rooms of the intermediate school where there was one large room and a smaller recitation room. At that time the building was known as the Old Schoolhouse or the Green street school.

About 1880 the teachers were Miss Lizzie Bradbury, with Miss Nellie Allen as assistant in the intermediate grade and Miss Sarah Fields and Miss Julia Merrill, in the primary grades.

Gracious Teacher

Miss Sweetser declared, "I can remember my grandmother speaking of Julia Merrill as though her pupils loved her. Mrs. Proctor also spoke of Miss Merrill as the teacher who accepted their flowers so graciously, even dandelions, which leave little hands not too clean. She would even send the youngsters to her home on Temple street for more dishes to put the flowers in."

She continued that Miss Bradbury was another beloved teacher at the school. Many times Miss Sweetser has heard Miss Ina Dennett and Miss Myra Cornforth speak enthusiastically of her. Mrs. Proctor can remember Miss Bradbury taking her pupils to her home on the Portland road, Saco, to give a concert for her invalid sister.

Miss Sweetser stated that Miss Bradbury was there when she began her schooling at Moody. Serving as Miss Sweetser's teachers were Miss Nellie Allen in first primary; Miss Sarah Fields in second primary and Mrs. Olivia (Berry) Walker, intermediate.

About 1895 the building was remodeled, Miss Sweetser continued, making two rooms upstairs, and adding a large entrance hall which did away with the old entrances to the main building. Among the teachers on the staff during that time were Miss Florence Mack, Miss Harriet McKeen, Miss Eva Thompson and Miss Isabel Buker.

According to Miss Sweetser, who has checked way back in the school's history, perhaps the first music teacher in the school was Miss Corliss, followed by Mrs. Lizzie (Cleaves) Mahoney. Writing teachers were Professor Ricketts and L. E. Pease followed by Charles Simpson and Allie Merrill.

Annex Constructed

The annex, which added two larger rooms, was occupied first in about 1907. For a short period one of the rooms was used for the "dinner" children.

Miss Sweetser recalled the many changes which took place through the years. When she first taught at Moody there were no electric lights. And in the schoolyard sat a white, country school that had been closed in the rural areas and brought to Saco to care for the extra enrollment.

Teacher requirements were different in those days. Miss Sweetser declared that young girls interested in that profession were taken on as assistant teachers in the grade schools and then taught in rural schools before having a class or school of their own in town. Miss Sweetser is a graduate of Thornton academy.

Teachers who served a long period of time at Moody in later years besides Miss Sweetser are Mrs. Eva Thompson, Mrs. Gertrude (Cummings) Proctor, Mrs. Alice (Boothby) Libby, Mrs. Mildred (Hill) Cole, Miss Thea Dennett, Mrs. Ila Russell, now principal at Sweetser school.

And someone else who will be remembered by hundreds of youngsters who crossed the portals of Moody school is Willie Sylvester, who has been janitor at both Moody and Sweetser schools since 1923. Not only did he do his regular chores, Miss Sweetser pointed out, but was more than helpful to the teachers.

Biddeford-Saco Journal,
Tuesday, September 3, 1963

Harriet C. Andrews

HONOLULU, HAWAII — Mrs. Harriet C. Andrews, 88, widow of Dr. Arthur L. Andrews who was Dean of the University in Honolulu, died Friday, August 30.

Born in Biddeford, April 18, 1875, the daughter of the late Frank H. and Sarah (Worth) Cousens, she was a graduate of Biddeford High School in 1894.

She is survived by a brother, Clayton W. Cousens, Madison, Conn., and several nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Honolulu.

BIDDEFORD AND SACO PEOPLE AT LITTLE OSSIPÉE

Vicinity of Pond Is Fast Becoming Popular Re- sort for Summer Vaca- tionists.

Little Ossipee pond is fast becoming a rendezvous for summer vacationists and campers. The pond is about four miles long and a mile wide. It has been well stocked with fry from the state hatcheries, thus affording fishermen a chance to show their skill with the line. Many parties this summer have returned unsuccessful, but Charles H. Rhodes at Carles corner can show you a picture of the handsomest strings ever caught. He is very proud of that picture, in fact, he shows it on every occasion to prove there are fish in the pond and that it is up to you to catch them.

In the quiet of every hour the clarion call of the loon can be heard for miles and during the day they can be seen on the water, playing hide and seek with the boats. It is on this pond that the "Y" girls of York county, under the leadership of Miss Vergn Hewes of Saco, have their headquarters for the summer. The camp is named "Laughing Loon" and is very pleasantly located and easy of access from Carles corner.

The easterly side of the lake is thickly dotted with well equipped camps, mostly owned by Biddeford and Saco people, and during the months of July and August they are well filled with campers.

Mrs. Luella T. Frey of Saco has a summer home here and is comfortably located for the season.

Mountain View camp is headquarters for a party of six young men from Saco, Harry Mapes, Harry Sawyer, Jasper Bean, Donald Skillins, Walter Bragdon and Alfred Mitchell. Harry Mapes, physical instructor at

Thornton academy, is playing the role of chef.

Miss Marion Banks of Saco is at In'n'out camp with a party of Girl Scouts over the week end.

Roderick D. Tarr, superintendent of the Saco-Lowell Shops, who recently purchased a camp here, has made extensive improvements and now owns an up-to-date and attractive camp.

The Saco-Lowell foundry, owns a camp here which, when completed, will be very attractive.

John G. Lawrence, proprietor of a garage in Saco, has two pleasant camps on the lake front, well equipped for campers.

Ex-Mayor Hartley C. Banks of Biddeford, who has a modern camp here, spends the week ends with his family.

It is on this lake that Mrs. Howard Dolby of Saco has built an up-to-date camp, "The Dimes," which was recently described in the Journal as being built from the dimes she saved.

The Gray camp, formerly owned by W. E. Gray of Sanford, has been purchased by a Philadelphia party, who will make extensive improvements.

Cleaves street leads to the camp of Byron Cleaves of Saco. Mr. Cleaves spends his week ends here. He has a

motor boat and enjoys the fishing.

The Y boys camp is at the extreme head of the pond and is in charge of Allen H. King of Portland, who has a summer home at Waterboro Center.

About half a mile from Carles corner, on the Standish road, is the old so-called Nutter farm, now owned by E. R. Bryant. This farm has great fascination for lovers of stuffed birds and antiques. Here can be seen the handsomest specimen of the loon ever put on exhibition, it being just as perfect now as when stuffed, about 30 years ago. The feathers are just as soft and downy as when the bird was alive. The work was done by one of Nutter's daughters whose uncle was an expert taxidermist in New York and who helped him in his work. The collection comprises many of the known birds seen in this section of the county and is highly prized by Mr. Bryant. While viewing the birds, the writer took up an autograph album and on perusal found a few words from the pen of the late Rev. T. Arthur Frey, a former pastor of the Pavilion and White churches of Biddeford. Mr. Frey spent his summer vacations here and these lines expressed the help and pleasure he experienced while in contact with nature and her wonderful works.

Otto Brandt, formerly of Biddeford and a brother of Max Brandt of Alfred street, is a prosperous young man of this locality. He recently bought a part of the old Nutter place from E. R. Bryant.

Mayor Edward H. Drapeau of Biddeford is building a summer camp at the upper end of the pond.

F. C. Furber of the Saco Manufacturing company has an up-to-date camp on the Point.

MAINE WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 1, 1953

Married Half Century



Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Johnson of 15½ Orchard street observed their 56th wedding anniversary quietly at their home Tuesday. Here Mr. Johnson adjusts his wife's corsage which she wore for the occasion.

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Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Thursday, Jan. 20, 1955

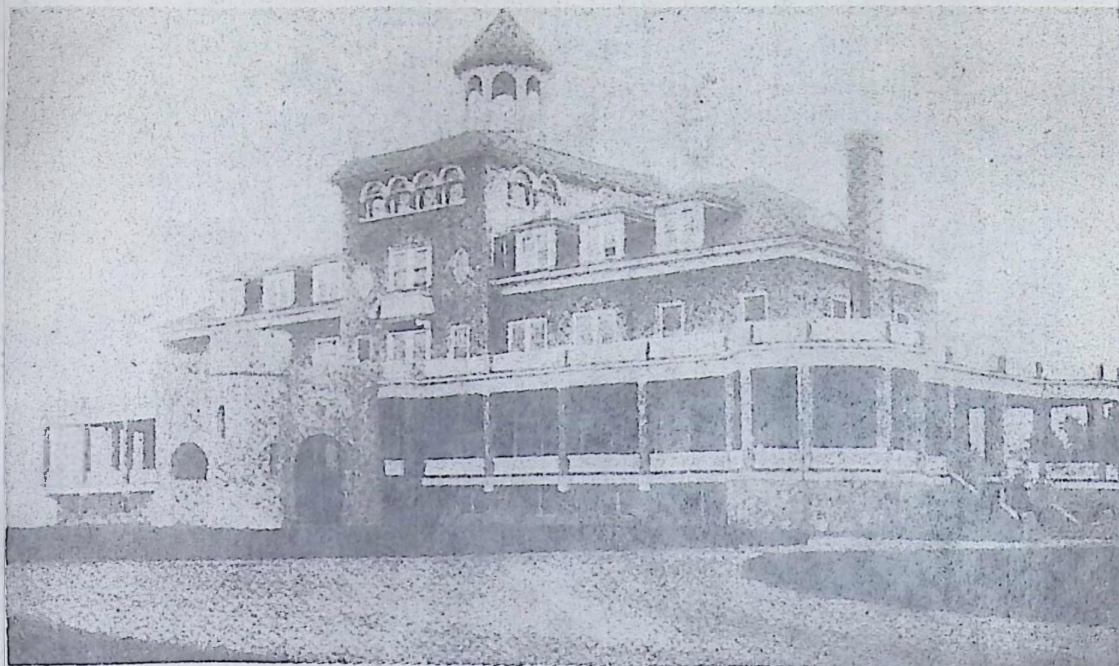
ONCE UPON A TIME...



Underwood Springs In 1900

Popular weekend spot about 1900 was the casino at Underwood Springs, a park located at what is now Falmouth Foreside. Reached by the electric cars of the Yarmouth Railroad Co., which left the head of Elm St. at frequent intervals, it was a drawing spot for thousands who came daily to watch the glow of the electric fountain, inhale the air of the pine woods and drink the pure, sparkling water reputed to be medicinal and healthful, which came out through the ledges in the park. (From Portland and Its Attractions, submitted by Arthur H. Molasky)

Recollection Of Maine's Past



Fun Spot

Time was when Merrymeeting Park was to people of the Bath-Brunswick area what Riverton Park was to people of Greater Portland. People flocked to the park on special trolley cars from neighboring towns to enjoy

the festivities that centered around the Casino, shown here. The photo is from a collection of post cards owned by Edwin E. Dixon, Old Orchard Beach.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE MONDAY EVENING, JULY 27, 1953

Way Back When--In Old Orchard Beach



Sea Shore House. Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Wednesday, March 5, 1958

Alan L. Burns

Funeral services for Alan L. Burns, 64, a native of Saco and a former alderman and businessman of that city, who died at his home, 332 Main street, Westbrook, Monday evening, were held at St. Luke cathedral, Portland, this morning at 10, with a Burial Office and Requiem Celebration of Holy Communion service.

Burial took place in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

He was born in Saco, the son of the late Henry and Clementine (Kendrick) Burns. He was educated in the Saco public schools and Thornton academy, where he was active in all branches of varsity sports. During his early life, he assisted his parents in the operation of Kendrick's book and periodical store, Saco, and later he engaged in an automobile distribution agency with his late brother, Robert Burns.

After leaving Saco, to become a pulpwood buyer for the S. D. Warren company, he resided in Houlton for a number of years. Later he was associated with the woodland department of the Warren company for 18 years prior to his retirement on Jan. 1. During World War I he served overseas as a member of the U. S. Cavalry. He was an attendant of St. Luke cathedral, Portland.

Besides his widow, Margaret Welch Burns, he leaves a son, Alan L. Burns, Charleston, S. C.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Scott K. Higgins, Winthrop; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Inott, Carmel, Calif., Mrs. Lawrence Massanovich, Pacific Grove, Calif., and Mrs. Thomas Crossley, Toronto, Can., and several nieces and nephews.

Wednesday, March 19, 1958

George E. Dudley

George Edward Dudley, 86, a retired travelling salesman, died at his home, 220 South street, early Tuesday evening, after a long illness.

Dudley was a native and lifelong resident of this city, the son of Benjamin and Emily (Mason) Dudley. He was educated in local public schools and was a member of the 1891 graduating class of Biddeford high school. During his travelling career, he visited in various sections of the country. He was a 50-year member of Dunlap lodge AF and AM, and of the Second Congregational church.

Surviving relatives are his widow, the former Grace Hooper; two daughters, Miss Dorothy H. Dudley, New York, and Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Setauket, Long Island, N. Y.; a son, Franklin E., of Augusta; a niece and a nephew; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at his home, 220 South street, Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Dr. H. Lewis Cutler, minister of the Second Congregational church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Winfred W. Roberts

Winfred W. Roberts, 89, husband of Bertha Fay (Davis) Roberts, a resident of 43 Spring street, Saco, died last night at a Biddeford hospital.

He was born in Old Orchard Beach, the son of Lewis A. and Olive (Wentworth) Roberts and was educated in Saco schools. He attended Saco high school for two years and was graduated from Shaw's Business college, Portland. Following his graduation he went to work for the Samuel C. Hamilton Lumber company in 1888 and was employed there until the company went out of business. In 1892, went to work for the J. G. Deering Lumber company, in Saco, as a surveyor and worked up to a superintendent's position, which he held for 43 years, until his retirement in 1935.

Roberts was considered one of the best judges of pine timber in the area.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, senior past commander of Bradford Commandery, member of all branches of I. O. O. F. and Masons and was president of the Men's Brotherhood of the First Parish Congregational church in Saco, under the pastorate of Rev. Clement Hahn.

His first wife, Henrietta Robbins, died in 1927 and he remarried in 1930.

In addition to his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert G. Powell, of Biddeford; one son, Edward R. of Saco; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Roscoe J., of Saco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett-Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.



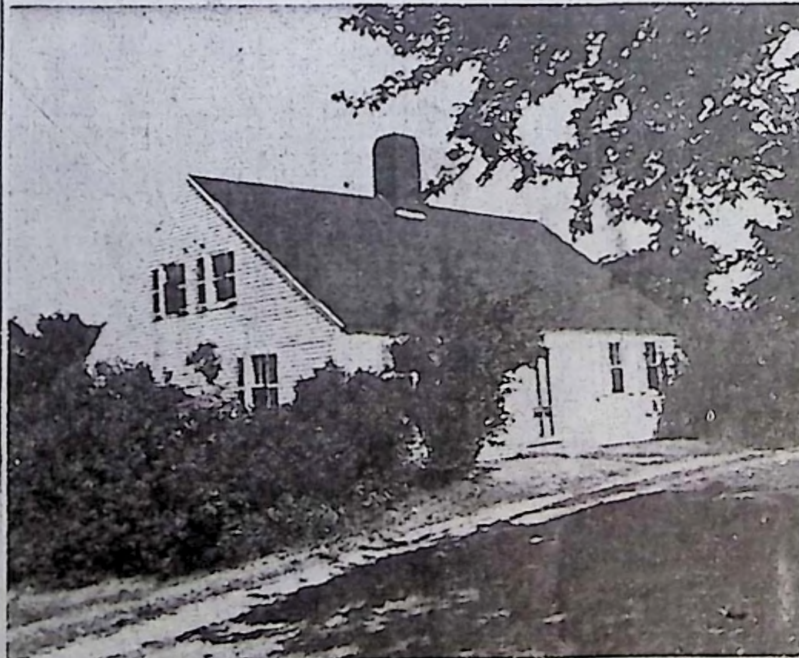
FUNERAL SERVICES for Winfred W. Roberts, 89, husband of Bertha (Davis) Roberts, will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett-Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco. Friends may call at the home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 today.



Photo by Franklin Grant
Mrs. Raymond L. Hackett

AUGUST 13, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The John Holman house, 687 Pool road, was known to have been standing in 1830 when it was occupied by John Holman, affectionately called Daddy Holman by the neighbors in his later years. He died in 1872, having been born in 1799. The house may have been standing at the time he was born.

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Miss Mary Benton Made Bride In Church Ceremony

The altar of the Second Congregational church was decorated with white larkspur, gladioli and carnations Saturday afternoon at 3 when Miss Mary Elizabeth Benton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Moulton Benton, Portland road, Saco, became the bride of Raymond Lewis Hackett, son of Mrs. Doris Hackett, Saco, and Lewis R. Hackett, Brattleboro, Vt.

A double ring service was performed by Dr. H. Lewis Cutler, pastor. The front of the chancel was banked with ferns, forming a background for baskets of white flowers. Organ selections were rendered by Mrs. Rena Belanger.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white silk organza over taffeta, trimmed at the shoulders and hipline with appliques of imported lace. The full skirt fell into a circular train. The bride's elbow length veil of silk illusion was attached to a headband of lace embroidered with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white miniature roses, stephanotis and English ivy.

Miss Mary Louise Whitehurst, Saco, served as the bride's maid of honor. She wore a peacock blue waltz length gown of gathered chiffon over taffeta with shoes and headband to match and carried a bouquet of pink bountiful roses and English ivy.

Richard M. Booth, Portland, was the best man. Ushers were Walter L. Hogan, Jr., West Hartford, Conn., Herbert Gershovitz, Providence, R. I., John D. Bradford, this city and Richard J. Stride, Boston.

The home of the bride's parents, Goose Fare farm, Portland road, Saco, was the scene of the reception. Mrs. Carlton Davis was in charge of the guest book while Mrs. Richard M. Boothby, Portland, had charge of the gift display.

For the wedding the bride's mother, Mrs. Benton, wore a gown of periwinkle blue chiffon and lace with a pink hat and accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Hackett, wore a dusty rose lace gown with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

The bride graduated from Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass., and Duke University, Durham, N. C., in February where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Sigma Delta Pi, honorary Spanish society.

The groom graduated from Thornton academy, the University of Maine and on June 12 will graduate from the College of Medicine of the University of Vermont, when he will receive his M. D. degree. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi honorary society of Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity.

On July 1 he will report for his internship at the Colorado General hospital, Denver, Coy., where

he and Mrs. Hackett will make their home for the next 11 months.

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Friday, July 17, 1959

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 28, 1953

MARTHA A. CILLEY

Funeral services for Martha Agnes Cilley, 70, a native and former resident of this city, who died at a nursing home in Lewiston, Sunday, were held at St. Patrick church, Lewiston, this morning at 8. Interment took place in the family lot at St. Mary cemetery here this morning at 11 following committal services at the grave.

Miss Cilley was the daughter of the late John and Rose (Owens) Cilley, this city. She was a graduate of local public and high schools and was employed as a clerk at the Main street store operated by the late Herbert Ayer for many years. Upon the death of Mr. Ayer, the business was purchased by Miss Cilley and the late Miss Marie Marcille, another clerk at the store. After operating the business for several years the owners retired in 1940. Prior to 1953, Miss Cilley was a member of the sales staff at the B. Peck department store, Lewiston.

Surviving relatives are her sister, Mrs. Mary C. Martel, Lewiston and four nephews, Dr. Cyprien Martel, Charles, Robert and Royal Martel, all of Lewiston.

Leon F. Milliken

Leon Franklin Milliken, 84, a retired rural mail carrier of the Saco post office, died early this morning at a Saco hospital. He was a resident of 8 School street, Biddeford.

He was born in Buxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Milliken, and attended the Saco elementary schools and Thornton academy.

For many years he operated a farm on the Buxton road prior to becoming a rural mail carrier at the Saco post office. He retired from this position but continued to serve as custodian of the post office for several more years.

He attended the North Saco Christian church and belonged to Saco lodge, F. and A. M.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Fred Beckman, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Atherton Gross, Stetson, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with burial in Buxton Lower Corner cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home, Sunday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Way Back When—



This picture taken in 1859, four years after Biddeford received its city charter, shows the elaborate backgrounds and meticulous care taken by photographers of the day in posing their subjects for studio portraits. Here shown is Mary Freeman, at the age of 20, who died a year later in September, 1860. The plate from which this picture was made was given to the McArthur Library by Mrs. Melbourne F.

8 Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Friday, March 28, 1958

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Saco's Beach Street In 1908

Fifty years ago, Saco's Beach street, heading toward Old Orchard Beach, had the carline tracks at left and ruts all over. Today the road is paved and the tracks are gone but the scene is not much changed. A concession to thirsty horses, a watering trough at the far right, also went the way of outdated roads. That's a Biddeford & Saco Street Railway Co. car clacking along on the left. (Submitted by F. Owen Cole, Bridgton)

Wednesday, April 12, 1961 13

Florence Walker

Miss Florence Estelle Walker, 85, a prominent church and civic leader of Biddeford, died Tuesday at a Kennebunk convalescent home after a long illness.

Prior to moving to 401 Main street, Saco, she made her home for many years at the corner of Birch and Alfred streets, Biddeford. She started the first children's playground in Biddeford and worked actively with the local Humane society.

Born in Arundel, May 7, 1875, daughter of Nathaniel B. and Pauline (Gilpatrick) Walker, she was educated in the local schools. During her younger days she held several posts in the Biddeford and regional Red Cross society, serv-

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ed on the board of directors of the Greenwood cemetery association, and as a director of the McArthur Home of Biddeford.

A member of the Biddeford Universalist church, she was both a member and past officer of the daughters of Ruth of the church. She was among the oldest living members of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a brother, Atty. Thomas B. Walker, Biddeford; two nephews, Atty. Edwin G. Walker, Saco, and Roger N. Walker, South Portland, and a niece Mrs. William Deans, Biddeford.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Dr. Harold L. Emmons, Prominent Saco Dentist, Dies At 79

SACO — Dr. Harold Leonard Emmons, 79, of 62 Spring St., first president of the York

County Dental Society and past president of the Greater Portland society, died Thursday night after a short illness.

He was born in Biddeford, Dec. 27, 1878, son of Wilis and Anna V. Leavitt Emmons.

Dr. Emmons was educated in local schools, was graduated from Thornton Academy, attended Bowdoin College and was graduated from Harvard Dental College.

He was a member of the Maine Dental Society; a fellow in the American College of Dental Surgeons; a member of the Electrical College of Dentalists; dental staff of Webber hospital in Biddeford; state board of Dental Examiners; Harvard Odontological Society; founder of the Saco Schools Dental club; president of the York County Children's Aid Society; and a member of the Harvard Club of Boston.

Dr. Emmons was a member of the Odd Fellows; a 32nd degree Mason; Bradford Commandery; Kora Temple Shrine and a member of the Second Parish Unitarian Church.

He also served on the draft board during World Wars I, II and the Korean War.

He is survived by four daughters, Miss Sara C. Emmons, Mrs. Sidney Foster and Mrs. Charles Anthony, all of this city, and Mrs. George M. Thomas of Augusta; two sons, Harold Jr., of Cape Elizabeth and Leavitt of this city; and nine grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be conducted at 61 Spring St., by the Rev. Edmund W. Beal of the Second Parish Unitarian Church.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1958

Business Notes

The Them flower shop, located at 256 Main street, Saco, operated at that site for 22 years by Mrs. Vivian A. Them and her late husband, Walter S. Them, has been sold by her to Saco Alderman and Mrs. Antonio A. Lamontagne, of King street, Saco. Mrs. Them is retiring after being engaged in the florist business in Saco for 23 years.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

Leaving today for the flower show in Boston were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Andrews and Mrs. H. W. Yeaton, Saco; Mrs. Annie B. Cole, Biddeford; and Mrs. Lucien Gern, Clark's Mills.

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Miss Lutie Harmon

Miss Lutie May Harmon, a resident of 50 Old Orchard road, Saco, died at a local hospital early this morning following a lengthy illness. She was 77.

She was born in Lowell, Mass., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon. She was a teacher for many years in the Saco public schools. At the time of her retirement she was principal of Locke school. She then went to Massachusetts where she taught for three years. She was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco, the Womans Alliance, the Victoria society and the Garden club of Portland.

Surviving are several cousins. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 7 to 9.

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Portland Scene In The 80's

Here's a view of Portland's Monument Square that dates back to the 1880's. It's taken at Congress and Center Streets. Lancaster Hall is on the site of the present Loring, Short

and Harmon building. Atwood's Oyster House visible on Center Street is still a restaurant. Lancaster Hall housed a popular roller skating rink.

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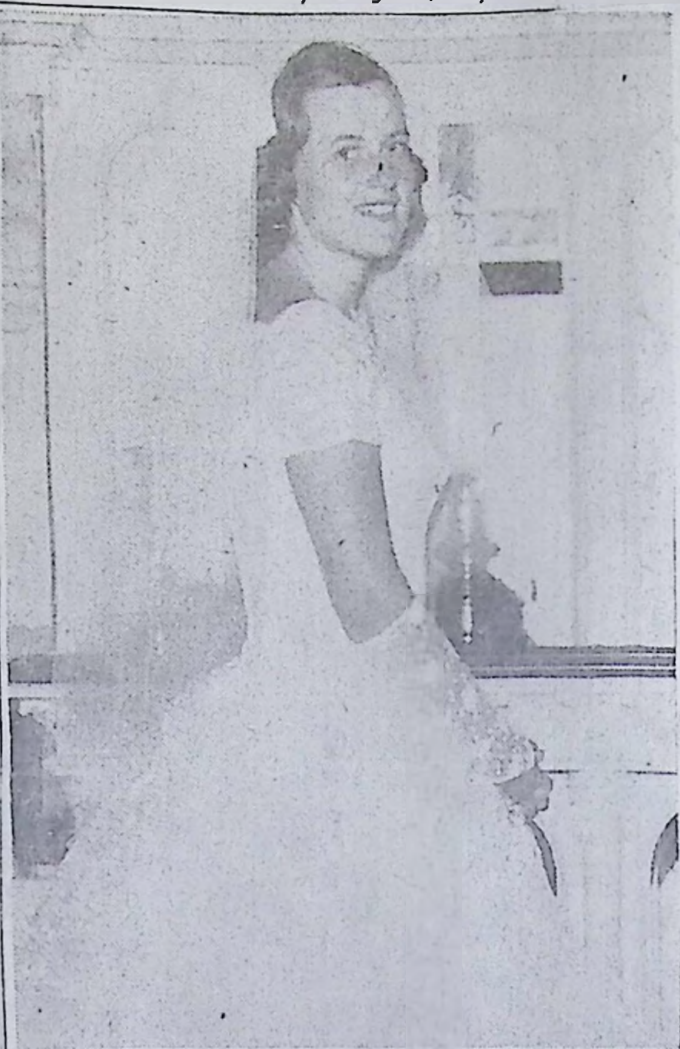
Way Back When -- In Biddeford



The dots seen in the center of this picture are not fly specks, they're the Smelt Village shanties which used to spring up all over the Saco river, below the Main street bridge as soon as the river was frozen over, and remained there until the ice went out. Ardent and hardy smelt fishermen

used to spend many an evening in these with nothing but portable oil stoves for heat, and lanterns for light. What else the fishermen did to while away the time is still a deep secret, but there must have been more than fish to attract them.

Biddeford Journal Engraving



Robert T. Utman Photo
MRS. ROBERT COLE FODEN
(Ann Prescott Hewes)

Foden-Hewes Wedding Held In Saco Church Ceremony

SACO, July 27 — White gladioli formed the decorative note in the First Parish Congregational Church this afternoon for the wedding of Miss Ann Prescott Hewes, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Clyfton Hewes of Summer St., and Robert Cole Foden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gillespie Foden of Bramhall Field, Falmouth Foreside. The Rev. Birger T. Johnson, minister of the church, officiated at the ceremony and Mrs. Pauline Smith Bogh of Portland played the wedding music.

The bride's gown of white embroidered tulle and net had a sabrina neckline and bouffant skirt of embroidered tulle with cotillion sweep in the back and alternate tiers of crystal pleated tulle and net in front. Her French illusion veil was attached to a Tudor band of rose point lace and tulle fluting. The lace was made by the bride's paternal grandmother. White roses and babies' breath were combined in her cascade bouquet. Judge Hewes gave his daughter in marriage.

Mrs. Richard Davis Hewes of Wellesley, Mass., sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a waltz length gown of imported embroidered white organdy with pastel embroidered flowers on the bodice and pink cummerbund. She carried pink roses and wore a matching pink headband.

The flower girls were nieces of the bride, Christine and Elizabeth Hewes, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Libbey Hewes of Portland. Their gowns were of white organdy over pink taffeta with lace inserts and pink butterfly sashes. They wore matching headbands and carried pink nosegays.

Donald Barnard Page of Framingham, Mass., was best man. Ushering were William Cook Hanley of Portland and brothers of the bride, John Libbey Hewes of Portland, and Richard Davis Hewes of Wellesley, Mass.

A reception followed at "Phoenix Lodge", the summer home of the bride's parents at Waterboro Center. Mrs. John Libbey Hewes of Portland presided over the guest book.

Mr. Foden and his bride left on a motor trip along the Maine coast and to Canada. The bride chose for traveling a blue suit with white accessories. They will reside at MacArthur Gardens, the Eastern Promenade, Portland.

The bride attended school in Saco and was graduated from the Waynflete School, Portland, Westbrook Junior College, and Wheelock College. She will have a teaching position in the Portland public schools this fall.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Deering High School, Kimball Union Academy and Tufts College. He is associated with

the E. G. Foden Co. in Portland.

The bridegroom's parents entertained the bridal party at Shawmut Inn, Kennebunkport, following the wedding rehearsal Friday evening.

Portland (Me.) Press Herald,

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1958

STANLEY W. PERKINS

SACO—Stanley Wilbur Perkins, 58, of 52 Nott St., died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon.

Mr. Perkins had been employed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Biddeford since 1922 with his last capacity a switchman.

He was born in Kennebunkport, Aug. 29, 1899, son of Ralph and Grace Seavey Perkins.

He was a graduate of Kennebunk High School and the University of Maine.

He was a member and trustee of the School Street Methodist Church; past master of Arundel Lodge, F and AM; past high priest of York Chapter; past commander of Bradford Commandery, Biddeford; illustrious master of Maine Council 7; Sovereign Chaldeon Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; member of Kora Temple Shrine; and past patron of Annette Chapter, OES.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Charles Perkins; two daughters, Mrs. Robert E. Cool of Erie, Pa., and Mrs. William Gilpatrick of Guilford, Conn.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins of Cape Porpoise; three brothers, Byron of Portsmouth, N. H.; Alton of Kittery, and Waldo of Manchester, Conn.; and four

grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., by the Rev. Norman G. Langmaid of the School Street Methodist Church.

Biddeford, Me., Journal,

Tuesday, August 19, 1958

Stanley Perkins

Stanley Wilbur Perkins, 58, of North street, Saco, died yesterday afternoon at his home. He was born in Kennebunkport, the son of Ralph and Grace (Seavey) Perkins, and was graduated from Kennebunk High school and the University of Maine.

Since 1922 he had been employed by the New England Tel. and Tel. company of this city, and was holding the position of switchman. He was a member and trustee of the School Street Methodist church in Saco.

Very active in Masonic circles, Perkins was a past master of Arundel lodge F. and A. M., past high priest of York Chapter Royal and Select Masons, past commander of Bradford Commandery, illustrious master of Maine Council, sovereign of Chaldeon Conclave, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine, a member of Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston, and a past patron of Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to his widow, Bertha (Charles) Perkins, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert E. Cool, Erie, Pa., and Mrs. William Gilpatrick, Guilford, Conn.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins, Cape Porpoise; three brothers, Byron, of Portsmouth, N. H., Alton, of Kittery,

and Waldo, of Manchester, Conn., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 from the Dennett-Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Norman Langmaid of the School Street Methodist church will officiate. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the Dennett-Craig funeral home on Wednesday from 3 to 9 p. m.

al, Thursday, June 12, 1958

Henry E. Hewes

Henry A. Hewes, a Saco resident, died last night at a local hospital after a long illness. He was 82 years of age and resided at 23 Summer street, Saco.

Born the son of Andrew and Hannah (Haines) Hewes, he was educated in the Saco schools. Prior to his retirement from a civil and civic affairs, many years ago, he was prominent in a horseman. He attended the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, during his active years.

Survivors include his wife, Ella (Nason) Hewes; a daughter, Vergn E. Hewes, Saco; two sons, Vyndel A. Hewes, Gorham, and Clyfton Hewes, Saco; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Officiating will be Rev. Birger Johnson of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1958

Full Length, M



OBSERVING PAST DEACONS Night Wednesday at the Saco United Baptist church were among those attending, left to right, Deacon Harold W. Smith, chairman of the program; Phillip O. Sanborn, Mrs. Sanborn, Deacon Robert W. Biggar, Sr., honored as past deacon of the year;

Mrs. Edmund A. Claypool, daughter of the Biggars; Mrs. Biggar, Rev. Edmund A. Claypool, Atty. Robert W. Biggar, Jr., and Rev. David B. Howe, pastor of the church. More than 60 persons attended the affair, during which Mr. Biggar was commended for his almost 50 years of service in the church.

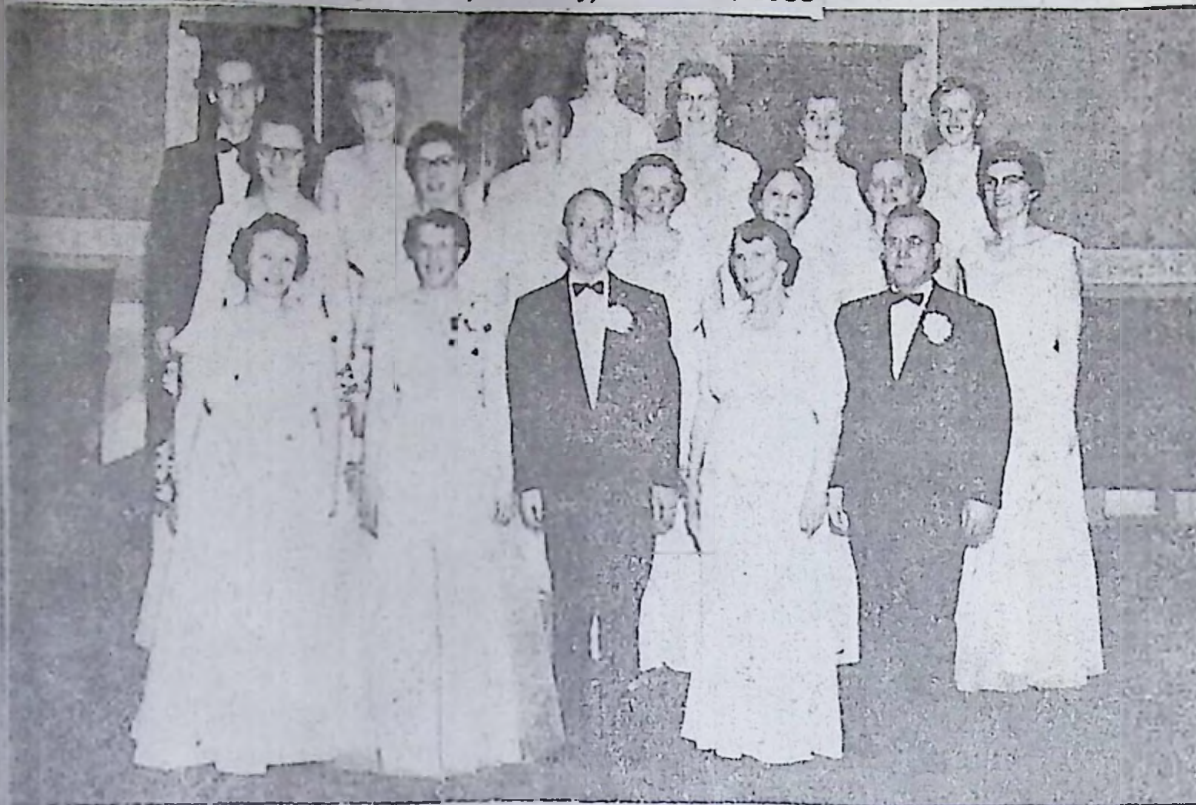


Photo by Urban

OFFICERS INSTALLED at the meeting of Annette chapter, OES, in the Masonic hall, Saco, are from left to right, in the front row, Mrs. Doris Clark, Mrs. Agnes Towle, Charles Towle, Mrs. Bertha Perkins, Stanley Perkins. In the second row in the same order are Mrs. Betty McPhee, Mrs. Marion McAuley, Mrs. Elcy Young, Mrs.

Florence Davis, Mrs. Charlotte Drown, Mrs. Marion Johnson, and in the third row, Theodore Potter, Mrs. Eleanor Harris, Mrs. Irene Libby, Mrs. Grace Littlefield, Mrs. Geneva Ladd, Mrs. Norma Pollock. In the last row is Mrs. Catherine Nielson. Mrs. Agnes Towle is worthy matron and Charles Towle, worthy patron.

d, Monday, August 4, 1958

George Norwood Dies At Rockport

Funeral services for George Norwood, 66, Rockport dental technician, a native and former resident of Saco, who was drowned Saturday morning while working in Rockport Harbor, were held at the Laite funeral home, Camden, this morning at 10. Rev. Carl Small officiated. The remains were later brought to Saco for burial in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Norwood, a member of the U. S. Medical Corps in World War I, had been crippled for several years. He was attempting to climb from his 32-foot cabin cruiser into a small skiff when he lost his footing and fell into the water. In his fall, it is believed he struck his head on an object, but eyewitnesses of the accident report that Norwood made an attempt to swim ashore before he went under the surface a few hundred feet from shore.

Ross Patterson and Maurice Miller, who went to the aid of the former Saco resident in an outboard motor boat, were unable to reach him in time. Although he was located promptly by the two rescuers, attempts to revive him failed.

He was born in Saco, the son of George A. and Jessie (Barr) Norwood. His father operated a plumbing and heating supplies and service store for many years at the site of the present F. M. Murray and Co. shop, 239 Main street, Saco. He graduated from the Saco schools and attended Thornton academy. When a young man he learned the dental technician trade with the late Dr. Harold L. Emmons.

Following his separation from

the U. S. Medical Corps at the close of World War I, he took up residence in Longmeadow, Mass., where he resided for several years prior to taking up residence in Rockport, where he operated a dental laboratory.

Besides his widow, the former Rita Brunelle, Rockport, he leaves a son, Richard, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Joan Young, Oceanside, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Black, Saco, a granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

0 Biddeford, Me., Journal,

2, Monday, August 25, 1958

Floy Hutchinson

Mrs. Floy G. Hutchinson, wife of William A. Hutchinson and resident of 96 Elm street, Saco, died late Saturday afternoon at a local hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Pittsfield, the daughter of Gilman and Frances Towle Gould. She was educated in schools in Pittsfield and graduated from the Maine Central Institute and the Trull hospital school of nursing.

She was a member and past matron of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Past Matrons association and a 50-year member of Rebekah lodge.

She attended the Saco School Street Methodist church.

Survivors include her husband; two sisters, Miss Iva F. Gould and Mrs. Mae E. Milliken, Saco; a nephew, a grandnephew and a grandniece.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m., from Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with Rev. Norman J. Langmaid of the Saco Methodist church officiating.

Interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery and friends may call this afternoon and evening at the funeral home.

A Portland (Me.) Sunday Telegram, Aug. 24, 1958

MRS. WILLIAM A. HUTCHINSON

SACO — Mrs. Floy G. Hutchinson, of 96 Elm St., Saco, wife of William A. Hutchinson, died Saturday afternoon in a Biddeford Hospital after a long illness.

She was born at Pittsfield, daughter of Gilman and Frances Towle Gould. She attended Pittsfield schools and was graduated from Maine Central Institute and Trull Hospital School of Nursing.

She attended the School Street Methodist Church and was a past matron of Annette Chapter, OES, past matrons of that chapter, and 50 year member of the Rebekahs.

She is survived by her husband; two sisters, Miss Iva Gould and Mrs. Mae E. Milliken, both of this city; a nephew, a grandnephew and a grandniece.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., by the Rev. Norman J. Langmaid of the School Street Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Silver Wedding Is Observed By Couple At Saco

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Meserve observed their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home, 11 Hall avenue, Saco.

The fete was given the couple by their daughters, Miss Nancy Meserve and Mrs. Urbain Roberge, Jr. Serving the buffet lunch were Miss Lillian Cleaves, Mrs. Arthur J. Lombard, and Mrs. Hazel Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Meserve were married at the bride's home in Old Orchard Beach, November 11, 1933. Mrs. Meserve is the former Ruth Cleaves. During the

evening, the couple were presented gifts and a purse from their neighbors and friends.

Signing the guest book were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Weymouth, Mr. and Mrs. George Leatherbarrow, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hannaford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Lumb, Jr., Miss Karen Lumb, Miss Nancy Meserve, Mr. and Mrs. Birger T. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Oscar Littlefield, Miss Marcia Littlefield, Mrs. Helen M. Atkinson, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Mrs. Richard Googins, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene I. Hill, Mrs. John S. Black, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Lombard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy White, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blanchette.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lumb, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfahrt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Armstrong, Mrs. Doris Stackpole, Mrs. Hazel Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ruben, Miss Lillian Cleaves, Norman Pierson, Urbain Roberge, Jr., Clyfton Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, all of Saco, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Andrews, Old Orchard Beach, Miss Jesse Anderson, this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stackpole, South Portland.

Contributing but unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohlin, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Stackpole, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lumb, Sr., and Mrs. Alice Roy, all of Saco, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gooch, and Mrs. Florence Northrop, all of Old Orchard Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haley, this city.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Meserve

SACO SANITARY
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Schedule of Rates

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Busy corner near Old Orchard Beach Pier in 1905. (Doughty Photo)

SACO SANITARY DISTRICT FIRST ANNUAL REPORT



DECEMBER 31, 1956

Thursday, March 27, 1958

Charles L. Nutter

Charles L. Nutter, 63, Pittsburgh, Pa., a native of Saco, died suddenly Wednesday at a Pittsburgh hospital where he had been receiving treatment.

He was the son of Frank W. and Lucinda Nutter and was educated in the Saco public schools, Thornton academy and Wentworth Institute, Boston. In his early life he was a teacher in Portsmouth, N. H., and New Britain, Conn., schools. Later he accepted a position as a salesman with the Henley-Kimball company, Portland, distributors of Hudson and Essex machines. After being promoted to manager of the Portland agency he was given a similar post at the Boston headquarters. Later he went to Providence.

He left the employ of the Henley-Kimball company several years ago to accept an executive position with the Chrysler Motor Corp. in Chicago. He was later transferred to the Pittsburgh, Pa., offices and due to ill health concluded his duties with the Chrysler company. Later he established his own used car business.

He was a member of various Portland Masonic bodies and Kora Temple, Mystic Order of the Shrine, Lewiston, and various Pittsburgh organizations.

He is survived by his widow, the former Helen Doe, Saco; a daughter, Mrs. Lois Hezlip, of Pittsburgh, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Pittsburgh Friday afternoon. The body will be forwarded to Saco for services and interment.

Monday, March 31, 1958

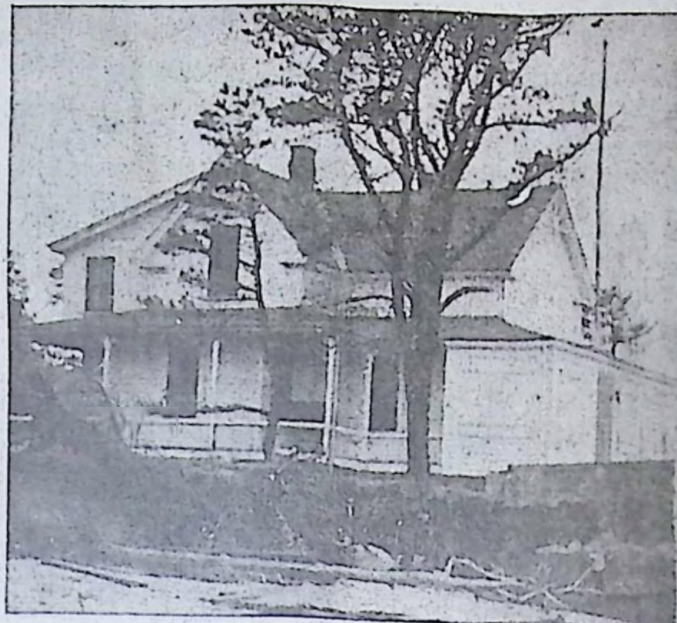
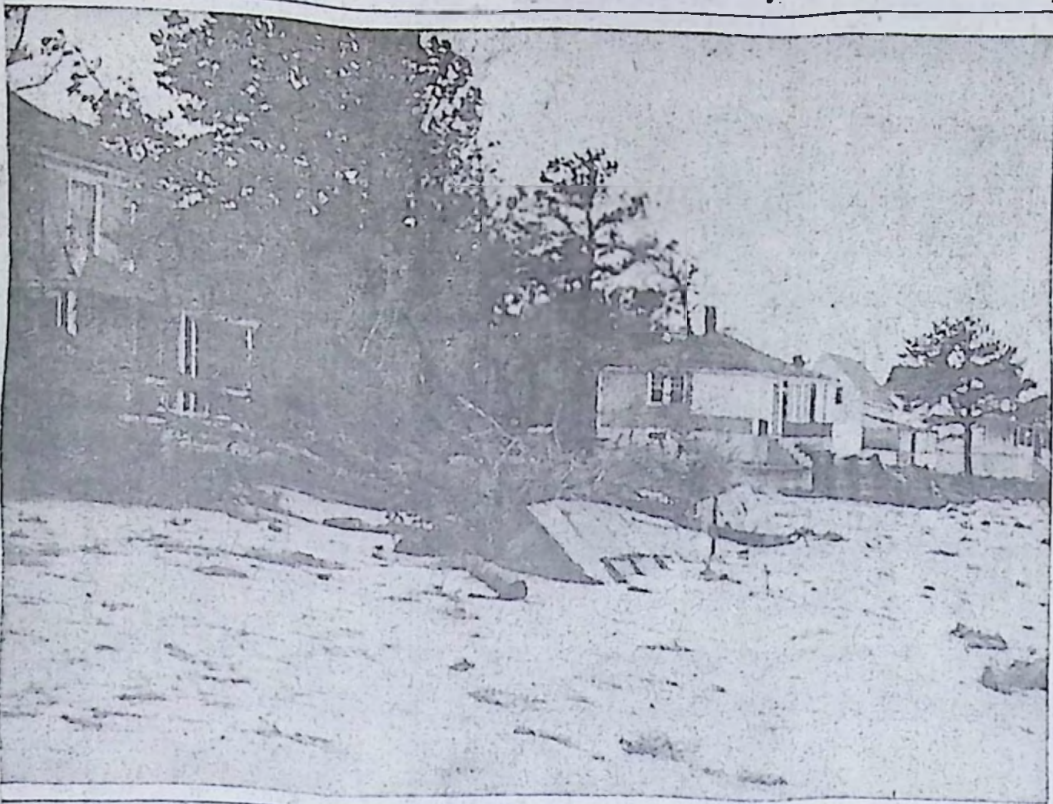
Mrs. Charles Moody

Mrs. Florence Arlyne Moody, 53, wife of Charles F. Moody, 374 Beach street, Saco, died at her home early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Moody was a lifelong Saco resident, the daughter of Charles and Alfaetta (Carpenter) Benjamin. She was a graduate of the Saco schools and Thornton academy. For many years she was an active member of Trinity Episcopal church and ladies organizations affiliated with that parish. She was a director of the Wardwell Home, Saco, and a member of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Womens Educational and Industrial Union of Saco.

Besides her husband, he leaves a son, Robert W. Moody, Portland; her father, Charles Benjamin, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Donald T. Achorn, Wakefield, Mass.; and a nephew.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Gene Scaringi, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, will officiate. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.



WATERFRONT PROPERTY at Hills Beach took another severe beating during yesterday's northeast storm, which washed out bulkheads, undermined summer cottages and chewed away wide strips of land along the beach. The area was already badly hit from earlier storms this winter.



STORM DAMAGED Kennebunk Beach. Pictured, left, a broken section of the concrete seawall. The center picture shows a section of the road, which was undermined and broken in several places. Homes on the right, fronting the beach, had shingles ripped off and clapboards broken. Lawns were buried under a foot of sand, gravel and debris brought in by the pounding surf. Roads were also heavily littered by a covering of silt, sand and debris, and were completely washed away in some sections.

In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
SAMUEL E. BRACKETT	Apr. 30, 1918	June 10, 1958
	Affiliated	Died
STANLEY W. PERKINS, P. H. P.	Apr. 11, 1934	Aug. 18, 1958
PHILIP L. SANDS	Mar. 8, 1911	Sept. 18, 1958
GEORGE M. GORDON	Nov. 14, 1911	Sept. 24, 1958

Wednesday, May 25, 1960

rites Thursday

William J. Beatty, a retired grocer and Locke street resident, Saco, will be buried Thursday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. He died suddenly Tuesday morning at his residence at the age of 72.

He was born in Saco, Nov. 1, 1887, son of William and Susan (Quinn) Beatty, and was educated in the Saco schools.

Active in politics, he was a former Saco Republican alderman. He belonged to the Trinity Episcopal church, to Saco lodge, F.

and A. M., York Royal Arch chapter, Bradford Commandery and Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Pollock, Saco; a grandson, William B. Pollock, Saco; two sisters, Mrs. Orvin Wormwood, Saco, and Mrs. Philip Bean, Portland, and one niece.

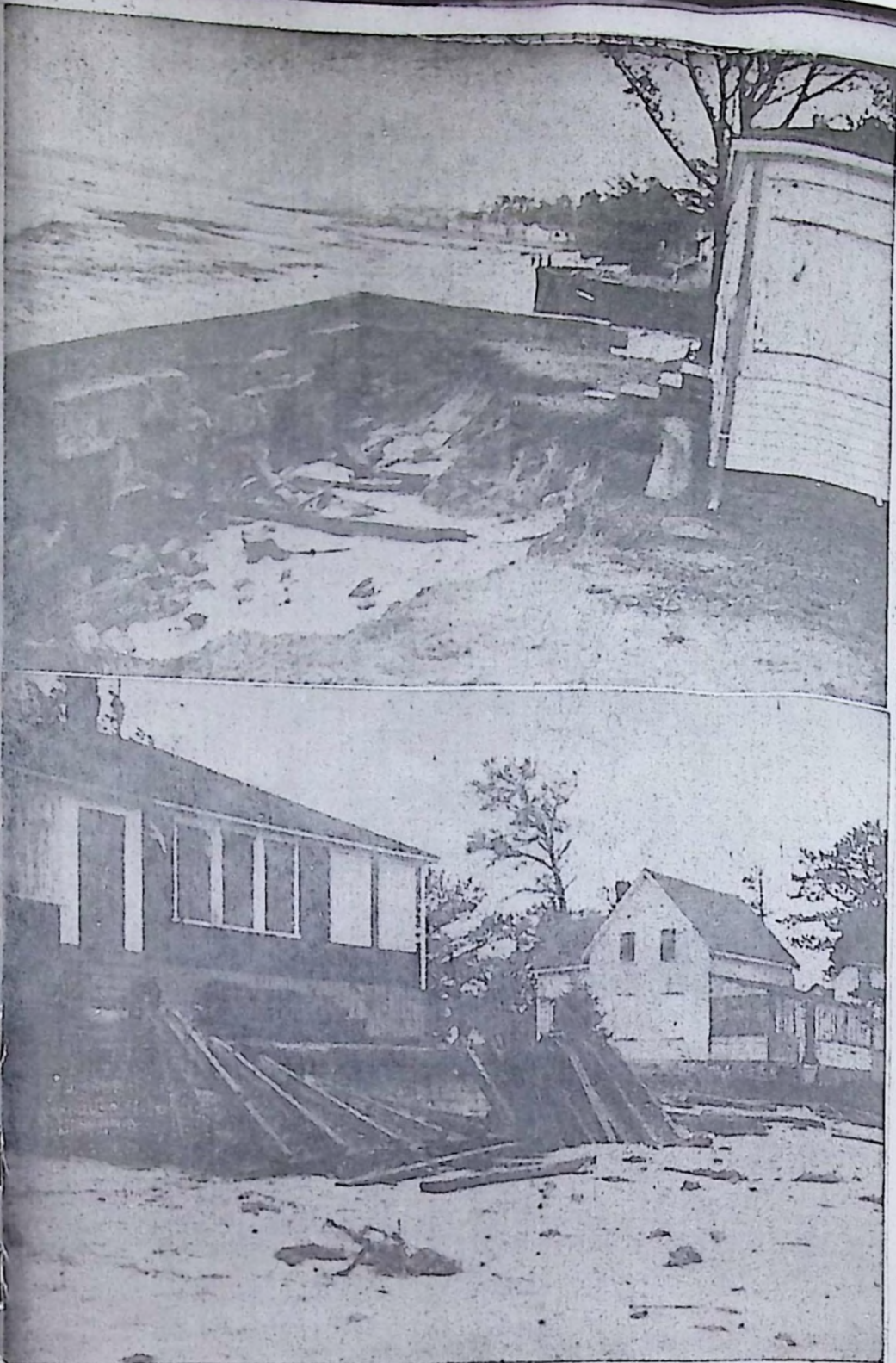
Friends may call tonight at the Saco funeral home from 7 to 9 p. m. and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery, Biddeford, after the services tomorrow at the funeral home.

In Retirement At 88

Retirement has been active for Charles A. Stacy, 88, of 115 Bradley street, Saco, the oldest living graduate of Thornton academy. Stacy is active every day in his workshop making wood toys, doll houses, cribs, boats and tables. His craftsmanship is not used solely for his own pleasure either. When he has finished a project, he gives the completed item to the neighborhood children to use. This has made him so popular that 15 youngsters of the area noted his birthday this year by giving him a cake and other gifts. Stacy returned to the family homestead in Saco in 1951 after selling millinery as a travelling salesman for 60 years. Among other hobbies, he has completed the genealogy (family history) of several local families. He has been a frequent contributor to the York Institute in Saco. Stacy street in Saco is named after his family. He graduated from Thornton academy in 1891 where he was captain of cadets.



STILL SKILLFUL with his hands at 88 years of age is Charles A. Stacy of 115 Bradley street, Saco. Stacy displays some of his hand-crafted workmanship in the above picture at his Bradley street workshop. Stacy is the oldest living graduate of Thornton academy.



BOUNTS are common sights along the entire length of Hills Beach today, following yesterday's devastating northeast storm, accompanied by high tides with 20-foot wind-swept waves. Considerable property damage was reported in

the area where, reportedly not a single bulkhead stands between cottages and the sea. Members of the Hills Beach association are currently seeking federal aid to find ways of preventing further damage to the resort community.



Portland, Maine, Press Herald

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1962

THE REV. WARD R. CLARKE

SACO — The Rev. Ward R. Clarke, 89, minister-emeritus of the Unitarian Church of this city, died Sunday in Cambridge, Mass., where he had lived since retirement in 1944.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke was born at Cherokee, Iowa. He was graduated from Yale University in 1894 and received his B.D. degree from Oberlin Theological Seminary in 1897, and S.T.B. degree from Harvard Divinity School in 1900.

After graduation in 1900 he was pastor of the Unitarian Church of Dover, N.H., for eight years and served at the Church of the Messiah, Montpelier, Vt., three years. He was pastor in Saco for 31 years.

He is survived by one son, Henry Leland of Seattle, Wash.

MORAN—In Biddeford, May 26, Mrs. Mary Moran of 115 Bradley St., Saco. Funeral services at 8 a.m. Tuesday from the Most Holy Trinity Church, Saco. Interment will be in Springfield, Mass. Friends may call at the Cole Funeral Home, Beach St., Saco, Sunday and Monday from 2-4 and 7-10 p.m. (P-29) (T-27)

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March 23, 1964

MRS. KATHERINE STACY

Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine P. Stacy, widow of Fred M. Stacy, of 79 Middle St., Saco, were held Saturday afternoon from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco, with Rev. Norman J. Langmaid of the Saco School Street Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Orchard Grove Cemetery, Kittery.

Memorial services were conducted Friday evening at the funeral home by officers of Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Saco.



Waves Lash Wells Beach

Inundated Webhannett Drive at Wells Beach is cluttered with debris as a pounding surf leaps the sea wall Thursday. Various places along both sides of the highway have been undermined from the pounding by as much as 10 feet.

(Photo by Wentworth)

Wednesday, April 12, 1961

Walter Wentworth

Walter E. Wentworth, 63, a former Saco resident employed as a New England manager of Industrial Sales for Clinton Corn Processing company, of Clinton, La., died Tuesday at the Massachusetts General hospital. For the 18 years he resided at 1571 Con street, Brookline.

A graduate of Thornton academy and the Lowell Textile Institute, he was a member of Saco, A. F. and A. M., a past priest of Royal Arch chapter, Saco, and a Royal and Select Master of the Maine council. Professionally, he was a member of

the New England Paper and Pulp industry.

Survivors include his widow, Muriel (Baker) Wentworth, Brookline; his mother, Mrs. Johanne Wentworth, Dover, N. H.; five sisters, Mrs. Doris Collum, Old Orchard Beach, Mrs. Ida Norwood, and Mrs. Helen Dore, Dover, N. H., and Mrs. James Tucker and Mrs. John Gummelle, Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Harold F. Wentworth, South Portland.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a. m. at Newton Center Methodist church. Arrangements are being handled by the Eastman funeral service, Boston, Mass.

day Telegram, April 24, 1960

MRS. BESSIE K. SHAW
BIDDEFORD — Mrs. Bessie K. Shaw, 76, of 312 Elm St., died suddenly Saturday evening in a local hospital. She was the widow of Benjamin C. Shaw.

Mrs. Shaw was born in Nashua, N.H., daughter of Frank and Fannie Moody Kimball. She moved here about 23 years ago.

She was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church, Saco; the Educational and Industrial Union, and Annette Chapter, OES.

Surviving are a son, Benjamin K. Shaw, White Plains, N.Y., two grandsons and several cousins.

Edwin M. Tuttle Dies At Saco Home

SACO—Edwin M. Tuttle, 73, of 92 Franklin St. died suddenly Thursday at his home.

He was born here, June 16, 1884, the son of Ephram and Alvay Rounds Tuttle. He was educated in the local schools and for many years was employed in the grocery business. At the time of his retirement several years ago he had been employed as manager of a local supermarket.

He was a member and trustee of the School Street Methodist Church, president of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood, Saco Lodge, IOOF, Saco Rebekahs, Encampment, Canton Dearborn, Saco Lodge, F and AM and past royal patron of the Amaranths.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maude Libby Tuttle; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Jenkins of Portland and Mrs. Robert Whelan of this city; one son, Lt. John F. Tuttle of Panama City, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Monday, February 1, 1960

George D. Harris

George Dana Harris, 48, a Saco native and produce and poultry farmer for many years, died Sunday morning at a Portland hospital after a short illness. He was a resident of the Buxton road, Saco.

Born the son of Frank and Alice (Gordon) Harris, he was educated in the Saco schools. He attended the School street Methodist church, Saco, and was choir father of the Youth church choir group.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Harris; two daughters, Miss Linda Harris, Saco,

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nal, Friday, May 20, 1960

Charles F. Moody

Charles Frederick Moody, 58, Saco native and landscape gardener, died early today in a Biddeford hospital after a long illness. He resided and operated a nursery business at 82 Ferry road, Saco.

Born the son of Frederick and Emma (Wight) Moody, he was educated in the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy and the University of Maine.

He was employed for a time by the Maine State Forestry department and later he opened the nursery business in Saco which he operated for many years.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco lodge, F. and A. M., Anette chapter, OES, and the Bradford commandery.

Survivors include a son, Robert Wight Moody, and a grandson, Robert W., Jr., Saco.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m., from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Sunday from 7 to 9 p. m. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Portland, Maine, Sunday

August 12, 1962

JOSHUA SMITH

SACO — Joshua Smith, 81, of Sunset Ave., Ferry Beach, died Saturday at a Biddeford hospital following a short illness.

He was born in Saco Aug. 31, 1880, the son of Abbott and Ora Beau Smith.

Mr. Smith attended local schools and operated a floor sanding business for the past 40 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florance G. Joyce Smith; a daughter, Mrs. Harley Johnson, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Willard Chick, Westbrook; a brother, Harry L., Saco, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at 35 Spring St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Monday, August 7, 1961

Sarah Morrill

Mrs. Sarah W. Morrill, 116 North street, Saco, died Sunday afternoon at a convalescent home in Old Orchard Beach. She was the widow of Ernest L. Morrill, a former agent for Pepperell Manufacturing company.

Born March 13, 1863, in Whit- ing, she was a daughter of Andrew J. and Sophia (Kelly) Elder. She was a member of the School street Methodist church, Saco, and is survived by three children. They are Mrs. Millard Morrison, Frankfort, Ind., Howard A. Morrill, Bay View, Saco, and Arthur L. Morrill, Arundel; also eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 from the funeral home and burial will be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Biddeford, Me., Journal, Monday, April 7, 1958



In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
JOHN W. PETERSON	Dec. 12, 1928	Jan. 21, 1959
THOMAS RANKIN	Oct. 14, 1919	Apr. 23, 1959
	Affiliated	
JOHN HOWAT	Feb. 8, 1939	May 13, 1959
WINFRED W. ROBERTS	Dec. 11, 1912	July 8, 1959
LEON F. MILLIKEN	Nov. 29, 1907	July 17, 1959
WILLIAM A. HUTCHINSON	Feb. 23, 1926	Aug. 24, 1959
DR. PAUL L. WILSON	Oct. 17, 1919	Sept. 30, 1959
JAMES A. ADAMS	Nov. 29, 1920	Oct. 3, 1959



Guy P. Gannett

CARTOLINA POSTALE ITALIANA
(CARTE POSTALE D'ITALIE)



NB Sul lato anteriore della postcard si scrive soltanto l'indirizzo.

Longs Hotel in Chocoma
John Dawson
London

Sunday Telegram, July 9, 1961 Wednesday, May 25, 1960

BENJAMIN F. SPOFFORD
BIDDEFORD — Benjamin Franklin Spofford, 68, Granite Point Road, Fortune Rock, died at his home Saturday evening.

He was born here Sept. 20, 1892, son of Benjamin W. and Carrie Nason Spofford.

For more than 46 years he was a trolley conductor and later a bus driver for the Saco and Biddeford Railroad.

Mr. Spofford was a World War I veteran, a member of Owen-Davis Post, AL, of Saco, and the Universalist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Juanita Davis Spofford; one son, Robert E. of Kennebunk; four grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be at Buxton Lower Corner.

WILLIAM J. BEATTY
SACO — William James Beatty, 72, of 52 Lock St., died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home.

He was born in this city Nov. 1, 1887, son of William and Susan Quinn Beatty, and was educated in local schools. For many years he operated grocery stores in the city.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Saco Lodge, AF and AM, York Royal Arch Chapter, Bradford Commandery, and Annette Chapter, OES.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Pollock of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Orvin Wormwood of this city and Mrs. Philip Bean of Portland; a grandson, William B. Pollock.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford.

Biddeford-Saco Journal,
Friday, August 12, 1960

Richard O. Grant

Richard Oliver Grant, 79, a Saco native and farmer by occupation, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at his residence on the McKenney road, Saco.

He was the son of Richard L.K. and Martha (Richards) Grant and was educated in the school of Saco. He attended the North Saco Christian church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Harriet Elden Grant; a daughter, Mrs. Edith Harris, and a son, Harry L. Grant, all of Saco; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call tonight.

Burial will be in Buxton Lower corner cemetery after the rites tomorrow.



Upper right, Mrs. Thomas Cunningham of Saco, with her three children, Thomas, Jr., age six; Carl Stevens, four months; and Priscilla, age nine; as they play in the sand in front of their summer home at Bay View, Saco. Mr. Cunningham is foreman at the Edwards Division of the Saco-Lowell Shops.

Mid-August finds hundreds of Maine residents enjoying their cottage homes away from the hustle and heat of city streets. With school days looming in the not too distant future for the young fry, parents are absorbing as much sunshine and salt air as possible before returning to more rigid schedules enacted by their families.

The miles of white sands along the coastline in York County lure a number of city commuters who live in the twin cities of Saco and Biddeford. Above are pictured several of these groups. Upper left, Mrs. Arnold Calderwood with her daughter, Candace, of Elm Street, Biddeford, shown enjoying the salt water near their cottage at Biddeford Pool. Mr. Calderwood is associated with the Saco-Lowell Shops.



al, Monday, Dec. 15, 1935

Mrs. Fred Hall

Mrs. Grace D. Hall, 56, widow of Fred Hall, died suddenly last night at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Mildred Nash, West street, Kennebunkport, with whom she had made her home for the past three years. She was born in Saco, the daughter of John and Jennie (Daniels) Bennett. Several cousins survive.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. from the Shumway funeral home, 25 Spring street, Saco. Rev. Walter T. Johnson, pastor of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, will officiate. Burial will be in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Biddeford Memorial chapel, 67 Summer street, Kennebunk.

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Monday, December 3, 1960

Lloyd Fenderson

Lloyd B. Fenderson, 71, formerly of Saco, died in Boston Friday.

He was a former treasurer of the York National bank, Saco, for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John Herman Minkley, Westbrook, and two brothers, Charles K. Fenderson, Saco.

Private funeral services were held this afternoon in Boston.

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PORTLAND SUNDAY TELEGRAM, PORTLAND, MAINE, AUGUST 16, 1953

Wednesday, June 11, 1958

Samuel E. Brackett

Samuel E. Brackett, 85, who served as custodian at the Biddeford high school for 30 years prior to his retirement, died Tuesday at the Togus Veterans hospital after a long illness. He resided at 720 Pool road.

He was born in Lacroix, Wis., son of John and Nellie (Morrill) Brackett, and came to Biddeford at an early age. He was educated in the local schools and was employed by the Saco-Lowell shops as a machinist for 15 years before he joined the school department as high school custodian. He was a member of the 30th Infantry regiment in the Spanish-American War and a member of the Advent Christian church. He was also a member of Dunlap lodge, A. F. and A. M., Bradford commandery, the Kora Temple Shrine and the Scottish rites unit. Survivors include his widow, Sally (Burg) Brackett; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Haley, this city; two granddaughters, Miss Madeline Brackett, Saco, and Mrs. Walter Alexander, this city; two great grandchildren and several nieces. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. at the Dennett and Craig funeral home 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. David Osborne of the Goodwins Mills Advent Christian church, will officiate and the burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery, this city. Friends may call at the funeral home tonight from 6 to 9.

Wednesday, April 12, 1961

MISS FLORENCE E. WALKER

SACO — Miss Florence E. Walker, 85, of 401 Main Street, died Tuesday at a Kennebunk convalescent home.

She was born at Arundel May 7, 1875, daughter of Nathaniel B. and Pauline V. Gilpatrick Walker.

During her younger days, Miss Walker had been active in Red Cross and Humane Society work.

She was a member of the Universalist Church, Thursday Club, Daughter of Ruth, Ada Chapter, OES, and was active in affairs of the McArthur Home. She also was a member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas J. of Biddeford; two nephews, Edwin G. Walker, of Saco and Roger N. Walker, of South Portland; and a niece, Mrs. William Deans, of Biddeford.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday from 365 Main street, Saco. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.



Lower left, Miss Betty Lachance of 7 Roberts Street, Biddeford, wading in a tide-pool near their summer home at Biddeford Pool. Miss Lachance, daughter of Restaurant Owner Lewis Lachance and Mrs. Lachance, will enter her second year at Lasell College this Fall.

Lower right, Mrs. George Butler and daughter, Miss Dorothy Butler, of 75 Birch Street, Biddeford, pictured on the terrace of their summer home at Hills Beach overlooking Basket Island. Miss Butler, a graduate of Biddeford High School, will enter University of Maine this Fall. Mr. Butler is manager of Atkinson's Furniture Store in Biddeford.

(Perkins Photos)



Monday, March 28, 1960 Monday, March 23, 1959

Ralph Merrow

Ralph Harlley Merrow, 92, former resident of Saco, died Saturday evening at a convalescing home in Kennebunk. His death followed that of his brother, Arthur S. Merrow, 88, of Reading, Mass., by less than 12 hours. Merrow, residing at the convalescing home for 11 years, was born at Cape Neddick, Jan. 24, 1868, the son of Almon and Elizabeth (Webster) Merrow. He was in the grocery business for nearly 40 years. Merrow was a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., a 32nd degree Mason, member of Kora temple, York chapter, Biddeford-Saco Kiwanis club, Saco lodge of Odd Fellows for over 65 years and a member of the Unitarian church.

Surviving Merrow are three sons, L. Earle, Nyack, N. Y., R. Clifford, Portland, and Amos L. Biddeford; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Tuesday from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be at Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9.

Mrs. William Beatty

Mrs. Hazel B. Beatty, 67, wife of William J. Beatty, of 52 Locke street, Saco, died early this morning at a local hospital.

She was born in Biddeford, the daughter of Edward and Hattie (Hazel) Bulmer and was educated in the local schools.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, and a past president of the church Guild. She also belonged to the Womens Educational and Industrial union of Saco and was a past matron of Annette chapter, Order of the Easter Star.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Pollock, Saco, and a grandson, William Pollock.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Thomas Knox, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, will officiate and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery, Biddeford.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 6 to 9 p. m.



THIS PICTURE will probably bring back many memories to great many of our readers. The purpose of the horse-drawn wagons was to sprinkle the dirt roads which became pretty dusty in the heat of the summer. And they also served another purpose. The children took advantage of the cool water which flowed from the large

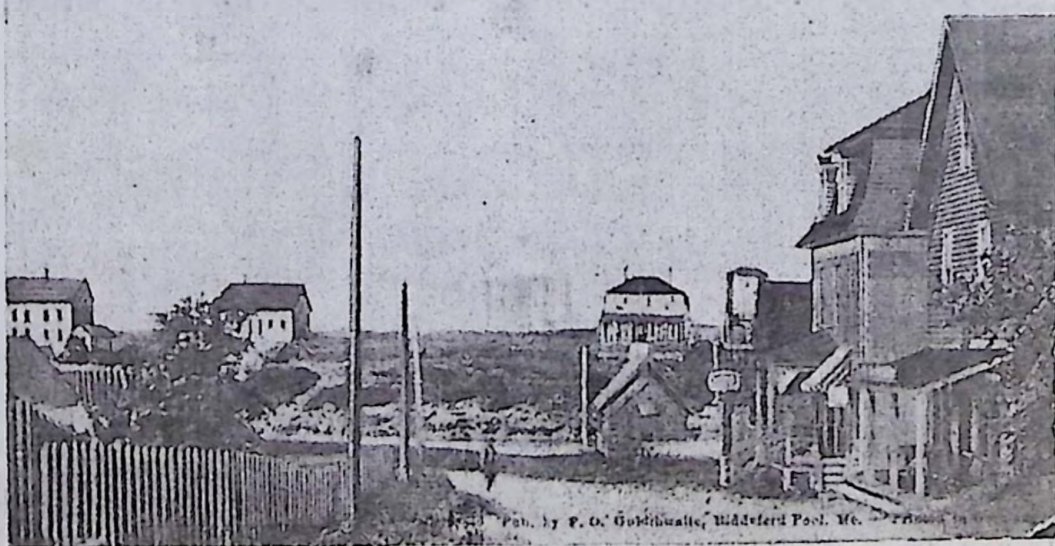
barrels and on hot days walked right along behind the wagons in their bare feet. Driving the first wagon alone on the left is William Trott. On the second one are Ernest Kimball and Leonard Clegg. The next driver is Horatio Emmons and the fourth is Arthur Emmons. The picture was taken in this city around 1911.

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BIDDEFORD, MAINE TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 1953

Way Back When - In Biddeford

Main St., Biddeford Pool, Me.



This picture of lower Main street, Biddeford Pool, was taken around 1905 and shows what changes have taken place there since that time. The F. O. Goldthwaite store on the right was destroyed by fire last winter, a few weeks after it had been sold to a family by the name of Brown, and a new building has been erected on the site. The adjoining building, at the extreme right, used as a storehouse by the commissary of the Coast Guard during World War II, looks about the same, except for the overhead canopy. The small building in the center of the picture has been razed and

replaced by another occupied by Orcutt's lobster pound. The fence on the left has been removed and a few commercial buildings, including Crowley's lobster pound at the end of the street, are now located on this spot. Two summer homes, owned by Dr. John Oddy of Lawrence, Mass., have been erected on the waterfront and across the "Gut" at Fort Hill can be seen the Tris Goldthwaite homestead overlooking the harbor, while the buildings on the left have been extensively remodeled and are occupied by the Kurtz family of Lawrence, Mass., as a summer home.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Monday, August 25, 1958

Eva Morgan Dies; Rites On Thursday

Mrs. Eva (Bean) Morgan, 83, widow of Fred C. Morgan, a native of Saco who for many years practised law in this area, died at an Old Orchard Beach convalescent home this morning after a long illness.

For many years she was active in Rebekah Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and in the state chapter and Continental Congress of the same organization.

Mrs. Morgan, the daughter of Chester and Olive (Taylor) Waterhouse, attended the public schools of Saco and later in Biddeford, graduating from Biddeford High the youngest in the class of '23.

After graduating from Gray's Business College, Portland, the late Governor John F. Hill appointed her a stenographic commissioner to take depositions in all cases and disclosures of trustees. Out of this commission she did much work for the State Insurance Commission as well as coronor's inquests in York county, and reported many Probate hearings.

Passing the State Bar examination in 1909 she was appointed to practice law in this area, died the same year. In 1910 she was admitted to practice in the U. S. Circuit Court, and in 1914 on motion of Hon. Grant Fellows, Atty. General of Michigan, she was admitted to practice in the U. S. Supreme Court. She received her LLB degree in 1918.

From 1910 to 1914 she served as superintendent of schools at Old Orchard Beach.

Her work in the Daughters of the American Revolution includes chapter and state regent, and vice president general of the National Society from 1940 to 1943 in which honorary capacities she continued to serve.

Mrs. Morgan was national chairman of the National Committee, D. A. R., which worked with the United States Congress to have the Star-Spangled Banner accepted officially as National anthem, and which became an act of Congress on March 3, 1931.

She was prominent in many states as a speaker for Women's clubs and other organizations as well as for her radio broadcasts for the D. A. R., relinquishing much of her platform work after her marriage in 1925 to Fred C. Morgan, retired superintendent in the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

She was a member of the School Street Methodist Church in Saco, the Fred S. Gurney Relief Corps, the York Colony of New England Women, the Maine Bar Association, the National and State Officers' clubs, D. A. R., and the D. A. R. National Chairmen's club.

Mrs. Morgan was also an honorary and life member of the Victoria Society of Maine Women, the Lincoln County Women's club and the Maine Writers Research club.

She leaves several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday morning at 10 a. m. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Visiting hours are Wednesday from 5 to 9 at the funeral home.



Mr. and Mrs. James W. Burnie

Biddeford Couple Married 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Burnie looked back on 60 years together today as they celebrated another wedding anniversary in their own quiet way. In retrospect they relived again the day when she, Elizabeth Hunt, took James W. Burnie "until death do us part."

"And those were not just words of the ceremony but a guiding principle in our lives", declared the couple. They are grateful for 60 years they have shared together and for their present well-being. Burnie, 85, has a keen mind and memory and quotes favorite passages from scripture and literature. These form a basic philosophy for him and Mrs. Burnie, too, in their golden years just as they did in the yesterdays of their lives.

Mrs. Burnie, 85, does the marketing for the family and makes frequent trips to the McArthur library for their reading material.

Long Time Members

The Burnies have been prominent in church and civic circles for many years. Mrs. Burnie is the oldest living past matron of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, as well as in the state. Burnie is the oldest past master of Dunlap lodge of Masons and as a member period in their lives; they claim this community as home.

Scotch Descent

James W. Burnie is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Burnie who lived on South street. Their family home was near the Staples farm, Burnie recalled. His mother died when he was six years old and he was reared by his stepmother, who died here in 1935. His father, superintendent of the Biddeford and Saco Water company, died in 1918. The family was of Scotch descent and James had a brother, Arthur, who was assistant superintendent at the Water company.

James attended the local schools and graduated from Biddeford High school with the class of 1891. He joined the water company staff the same year and remained with the firm until 1911. Then he and the family went to Nebraska where they remained for some years. It was during this time their daughter, Eleanor, attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. They still had Maine ways and days in their hearts, though, and were happy when they turned homewards once again. They have never left since, they confided.

Burnie entered the employ of the Saco-Lowell shops then, and he and Mrs. Burnie picked up the threads of their life in the community again. When World War II came along in the 1940's, Burnie took a bench job just to have

a part in the conflict. He was then in his 70's but proud to be doing his bit for his country.

"Two Birthdays"

Burnie recently celebrated a birthday. For years he has observed two birthdays in his life, the real one and the one the doctor marked. This was discovered by the late Major Harry Goodier, paymaster at the Saco-Lowell, when he procured records for Burnie's retirement. James himself had been celebrating the family date only to discover the town records had his birth a week later. It seems doctors then were accustomed to submitting dates of births weekly. Among those remembering both his birthdays have been Maud Smith and Glen Cheney, Burnie noted with a smile. The only clue he would give on this event in his life points to the latest celebration within the last two weeks. "Could be," he said, and no more, with a twinkle in his eye.

Mrs. Burnie kept his secret, too. She shares his views and confirmed his statements on their road of life together. They have preserved family heirlooms together and her favorite piece of jewelry is a cameo brooch over 102 years old that has descended from the Burnie family. Also in her jewel box is an antique pin with braided locks of hair enclosed, a rarity indeed, she pointed out.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burnie worship at the White church in this city.

They have a close circle of friends who greeted them with card and remembrances on this anniversary. "In fact, they keep in constant touch with us all through the year," the guests of honor stated. "We are grateful for them and our 86 years of life, 60 of them together. Our Heavenly Father has been most generous with us," they agreed humbly.

Thursday, October 2, 1958

Mrs. Lewis Smith

Mrs. Mabelle V. Smith, a Saco native, died last night in an Old Orchard Beach convalescent home at the age of 73. She was the widow of Lewis W. Smith and made her home at 87 Spring street, Saco.

The daughter of Thomas and Martha (Hawkins) Johnston, she was educated in the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy in 1903. She was a member of the Saco United Baptist church, a former president of the Philothea class of the church and a member of the E and I union, Saco.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Baldwin, Norwich, Conn.; a son, J. Laurence Smith, Ogunquit; a sister, Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Somerville, Mass., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. David B. Howe, pastor of the Saco United Baptist church, will officiate and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p. m. Friday.



THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Cynthia Love, Saco, to Richard Fremont Estes, Jr., Bala-cynwyd, Pa., is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Love, North street. Miss Love graduated from Thornton academy in 1956 and is now a junior majoring in philosophy and religion at Colby college. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. George R. Love and the late Dr. Love of Saco. Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fremont Estes, graduated from Lower Merion High school, Ardmore, Pa., in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby in 1958 and is presently doing graduate study in public administration at the University of Maine. No date has been set for the wedding. (Photo by Warren Kay Vanting Studio)

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1959

Dr. Paul Willson, Saco Dentist, Dies

Dr. Paul Libby Willson, 63, a Saco native and prominent member of the local dental profession, died early this forenoon at a local hospital. He was a resident of 307 Main street, Saco, and the son of the late Edward and Lurette (Libby) Willson.

He was educated in the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton Academy in 1914. He received his dental degree from Harvard Dental school in 1918 and since that time maintained a practice in Saco. He was a member of all Masonic bodies, including the Kora Temple Shrine and the 32nd Degree Masons; a member of the local dental society and the Maine and Massachusetts Dental societies, and a member of the Saco Unitarian church.

Survivors include his widow, Florence (Barker) Willson; two sons, Paul Barker Willson, Hingham, Mass., and Carl Edward Willson, Framingham, Mass., and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be announced later.

Friday, November 10, 1961

Roy A. Lowell

Roy A. Lowell, 84, a retired railroad shop worker, died suddenly today at his residence, 71 Middle street, Saco. Prior to retiring in 1953, he was employed for over 31 years in Boston and Maine Railroad workshops at Billerica and East Cambridge, Mass., and Concord, N. H.

Born in Corinna, October 24, 1877, son of Thomas and Eliza (Gilman) Lowell, he was educated in the schools of Canaan and was a 52-year member of Carabassett lodge, AF and AM.

While residing in Lowell, Mass., he attended the First Congregational church and upon coming to Saco, attended the First Parish Congregational church, Beach street.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Nellie MacIntosh Lowell. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.



Biddeford-Saco Sketched In 1607

Samuel de Champlain, founder of Quebec in 1607, visited the shores of Biddeford in 1605 with the De Monts expedition and is believed to be the first white man to land here for any purpose. During his visit he sketched this map, showing water depths, land contours and Indian villages around the mouth of the Saco River. He also wrote a description of the Indians and the country that is one of the most valuable early documents in Biddeford history. He was 38 years old when this map was made. An earlier visitor, Capt. Martin Pring, sailed up the Saco in 1603, but he didn't land and made no map of the area. Champlain's map, incidentally, is quite accurate and depicts the land from Biddeford Pool to Scarborough, including Old Orchard Beach. (Photo Courtesy of McArthur Public Library, Dane York Librarian)

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Two churches flanked the YMCA when this picture was made in Congress Square about 1910. And the Greyhound Bus office of today looked considerably different then (at right, with pillars). The churches were the Free Street Baptist, left, and the High Street Congregational (steeple showing at right).

LOMBARD RITES FRIDAY

Funeral services for Arthur J. Lombard, 62, a resident of 14 Locke street, Saco, who died suddenly while vacationing at Daytona Beach, Fla., will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9.

He was born in Saco, the son of Stephen and Sarah (McKnight) Lombard, attended Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy. He had been employed for 39 years with the Biddeford branch of Armour and company, retiring in 1957, and for the past three years had been associated with Bugbee and Brown company.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Owen-Davis post, American Legion; a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., and a member of the Saco Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence M. Cleaves; one daughter, Mrs. Walter Lumb, Saco; a brother, Carleton Lombard, Lowell, Mass.; and a grand daughter, Karen Lumb.

Arthur J. Lombard Dies On Vacation

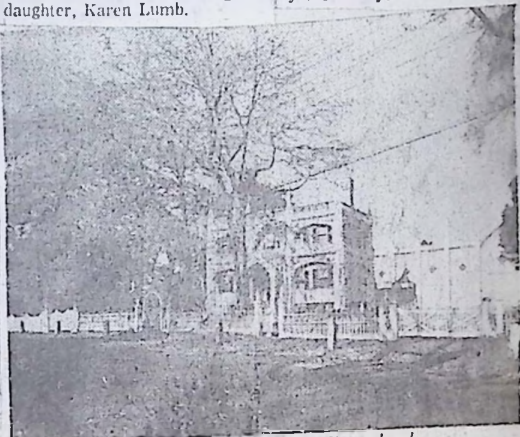
Word was received here yesterday of the death of Arthur J. Lombard of Saco in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he was vacationing with Mrs. Lombard. A resident of 14 Locke street, he had been in Florida about a week when his death occurred.

His daughter, Mrs. Walter Lumb, and husband, left for Florida immediately after receiving word from Daytona Beach yesterday.

He was employed as a road salesman for Bugbee-Brown company of Biddeford. Prior to that, he had been employed for many years by the Armour company at the Biddeford branch.

Survivors include his widow; his daughter, Mrs. Lumb, and a granddaughter, Karen Lumb, all of Saco.

Arrangements were incomplete today and will be announced later by the family.



Wedding Cake House, Kennebunk

MISS ADELAIDE HALEY

SACO—Miss Adelaide Haley, 85, of 58 King St. died Wednesday in a local hospital following a long illness.

Born in this city, Oct. 16, 1875, she was the daughter of John and Abbie Bachelder Haley. She was a graduate of Thornton Academy as valedictorian of the 1894 class and from Wellesley College.

She taught school at Thornton Academy, Salem High School and Dorchester High School for Girls for 35 years.

She was a member of the E and I Union; Daughters of American Revolution and Colonial Dames of Portland.

She is survived by one brother, George Haley of this city; one nephew, Gordon Haley of this city; several cousins.

Private funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at 35 Spring St. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

MRS. EDITH H. GOVE

BIDDEFORD — Mrs. Edith Hussey Gove, 89, of the Arthur Home, died Sunday morning at a local hospital. She was the widow of Everett J. Gove.

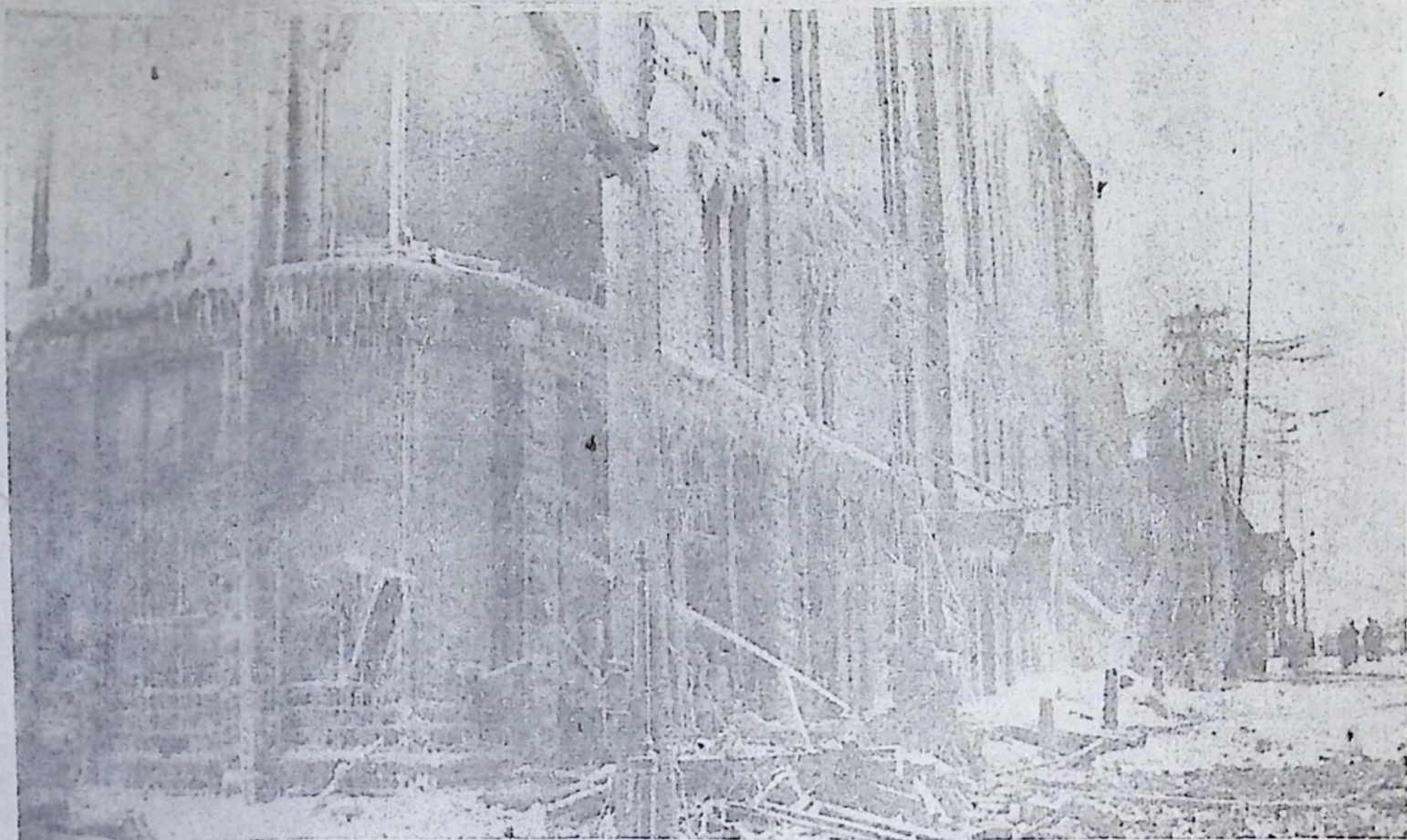
She was born here Nov. 1871, daughter of Dr. Charles E. and Lizzie Hutchinson.

She was a member of the Second Congregational Church, Biddeford, and the Rebecca Emery Chapter, DAR, and was a past president of the Thursday Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. P. W. Monohon, of Providence, R. I.; a son, Dr. Burton J. Gove, of Winchester, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. E. F. Gopatrik, of Medford, Mass.; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 p. m. Tuesday from the Second Congregational Church, Biddeford. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Way Back When - In Biddeford



The new look which greeted the citizens of Biddeford following the spectacular fire which destroyed the City building in bitter cold weather December 31, 1894, leaving the ruins a mass of ice. The Biddeford fire department was assisted by firemen from Portland fighting this fire. The late Cal Watson, in charge of the Journal job printing department at one time, was then Biddeford fire chief, and

he often told the story of his experiences during the two days he was on duty at this one. At the time he wore his whiskers long, according to fashion, and lived in fear of breaking the icicles which covered his face dreading the loss of the whiskers which he had so long cultivated.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Biddeford-Saco Journal

Biddeford, Maine, Journal, Saturday, February 8, 1958



A SOLID SHEET OF ICE resulted in the aftermath of the 1894 fire in this city, which destroyed City building. Here is a rear view of the damage done by flames which began the night of Decem-

ber 20 in frigid weather and continued throughout the next day. Water from fire hoses froze the minute it touched the building and caused the structure to be a glare of ice.

Thursday, May 31, 1962

Charles Benjamin

Charles LaVernon Benjamin, 84, retired superintendent of Central Maine Power company steam plant, died suddenly yesterday at the summer home of a daughter, Mrs. Donald Acorn, Oak Woods road, North Berwick. He was a resident of the Ferry road, Saco. Born in South Portland, son of William R. and Emerline (Thompson) Benjamin, he came to Saco at an early age and was educated in the Saco schools.

For many years he was chief engineer at the Pepperell Manufacturing company power plant and later served as superintendent of the steam plant for the Central Maine Power company. He retired from the post several years ago.

A member of the Saco United Baptist church, he was a 50-year member of Laconia lodge, IOOF; a life member of Annette chapter, OES, and a long-time member of Saco lodge, Fand AM.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Acorn, North Berwick and Wakefield, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Ella B. Morse, Saco; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two nephews, Clifton Morse, California and Donald Morse, New Jersey.

Funeral services will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from Bennett and Craig Funeral home, 385 Main street, Saco, where friends may call tonight. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Nationally-Known Treatment

By FRANCES SAYWARD
(Staff Writer)

"There's plenty of love for kids here," we were told by an 18-year-old girl we met at Sweetser-Children's Home at Saco.

She should know. She'd spent a year there.

What is this institution which in 11 years has become nationally known, which has been chosen to set up training programs for supervisory personnel of the New York State Child and Welfare Department and graduate students at Boston University?

We visited it to find out.

First impressions were the ones that stayed with us—the lack of any sort of regimentation, a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

On our second visit we were welcomed by two 11-year-olds we'd lunched with previously. One challenged us to a game of checkers. The other invited us to come see the fish he'd caught.

True, they were anxious to score with a guest. But they also reflected the institution's friendliness.

In the language of the descriptive brochures, Sweetser is a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children.

In the words of the youngsters who live there, it's home.

Not all the problems brought to these 450 acre grounds are alike. Far from it. But they have in common the effect of keeping children — and sometimes whole families — from making a successful adjustment to life.

There's the kind of child who steals or lies or displays his temper, in technical terms an "adjustment reaction."

There's the psychoneurotic child, whose anxieties and phobias make his life a turmoil. The schizoid personality, who escapes from his problems by withdrawing and daydreaming.

The child whose unhappiness brings on psychosomatic ailments.

The physically handicapped youngster who has not learned to accept the fact that he is different.

Your first visit might leave you wondering, but they're all at Sweetser.

"They seem so normal" is a typical reaction.

But it wasn't always so.

Consider the 12-year-old boy who resented school work, had few friends, was accused of lying and stealing, and spent much of his time daydreaming about girls. His case record is a startling revelation of a child beset by torment.

Constant Moving

Born into a home where none of the details of life had been spared him, he'd been committed to the Department of Health and Welfare at the age of three and moved from one foster home to another ever since. Sometimes the moves were the result of circumstances over which he had no control. But just as often it was his behavior that was the cause. His first foster mother described him as acting "like

a little animal."

Jimmy, we'll call him, was soured on life even before he began to think of himself in relation to it.

But things finally began to change for him when he was referred to Sweetser. By that time he was a menace in the classroom, a child no one seemed able to control.

Before he was admitted a psychiatrist talked with him and discovered some of his worries. A psychologist tested him, and a social worker delved into his background.

There was some question about accepting Jimmy because of his poor performance on intelligence tests. Sweetser's program is geared to the normal child. But the psychiatrist said he was definitely in need of help and Jimmy, like many candidates, got the benefit of the doubt.

Jimmy was under no delusion about the reason for his being sent to Sweetser. He knew he was a problem child. What he didn't know was what to do about it.

After a complete physical examination he was assigned to a cottage — a comfortable home with 11 other children, both boys and girls, and house parents. There he got a room of his own and a chance to settle into the routine of family living.

Two years later he was still there, but he was a vastly different child. A feeling of belonging to the family, consistent discipline, responsibilities, friends, healthful recreation, a chance to earn his own spending money and progress in school all had helped. But whether he realized it or not, what probably meant most to



Linwood L. Brown, director of Sweetser-Children's Home, takes time to look over reading material with two residents of Sweetser Cottage, original building at the Saco Institution.

him was that he had learned to believe in the adults around him.

Treatment Extensive

Jimmy's treatment involved more than just a 27-month residence at Sweetser-Children's Home. Like all children there, he was assigned to a caseworker, whom he saw at least weekly for talks and play therapy, a technique used to uncover hidden worries. A special teacher prepared him for the transition back to public school and a team of doctors watched over his health. And every six months his case was reevaluated by all those on the staff who came in contact with him.

His case record includes detailed behavior charts, a complete medical record, the reports of his caseworker, and the summaries of his background, original diagnosis and periodic reevaluations. It all leads up to the fact that he's had no difficulty adjusting to his new

home or to school since his discharge more than a year ago.

Sweetser-Children's Home is one of the few treatment centers for disturbed children in the country, the only one in northern New England. It was established in 1947 as an outgrowth of child caring services of two long established institutions, the Children's Home of Portland, incorporated in 1828, and the Sweetser Home at Saco, founded in 1905. In order to give what had existed as orphanages, now outmoded, a more vital function, they combined forces and embarked on the pioneering program.

Three years later the Children's Aid Society of Maine, which had its headquarters at Belfast, joined the other two. All three still retain their own identity and have their own boards of directors, but funds

are turned over to the new home and administered by a joint operating committee. To compensate for services taken away from the Belfast area, an out-patient clinic is held there monthly.

Hand On Helm

Guiding spirit of the institution is its director, Linwood L. Brown, a Waterville native who returned to Maine 12 years ago after a decade in Labrador as director of child welfare for the Grenfell Mission. He had formerly been with the New York State Department of Institutions six years, and after his return he traveled around the state for the Maine Department of Child Welfare for a year. In that work he saw many Maine children in desperate need of special help and came to the realization that there should be some sort of treatment center.

His wife, a registered nurse who set up the institution's medical program and supervises nursing, has been closely associated with him in turning the dream into reality. Their home on the grounds is the first of four buildings built since 1947.

Also on the full time staff are a resident psychologist, three social workers, house parents and a cook for each of three cottages, a farmer, remedial teacher, and recreation director, supervisors of store and laundry, and secretarial personnel. A psychiatrist is present one and a half days a week and on a consultation basis and other medical men and a dentist conduct regular clinics and come on call.

By the nature of his job, the director is in almost constant demand — by parents and personnel of referring agencies, by his staff, by organizations asking him to speak and other requests from outside, and by the children.

But he finds time to pick peas with the children, play baseball with them, or accompany a boy going to take his driver's test. The father of four children of his own, he has a compelling desire to help as many more as possible along the way to a productive adulthood.

But he would be the first to point out that without the singlemindedness of all who work for the institution he could do little.

"I have a dedicated staff," he'll tell you.

In that he includes non-professional as well as professional members. The house parents "give about 75 per cent of the treatment," he pointed out.

Every employee, in fact, is considered not only with regard to his capability for a specific job, but for his attitude toward children.

"We're not all college people," a cook told us, "but Mr. Brown considers all of us part of the team."

No Segregation

Most unusual feature of the Sweetser living plan is its failure to segregate the sexes. It is unique or very nearly so in this respect.

"As much as possible we try to duplicate normal home life, feeling that by doing it we eliminate many boy-girl problems. The youngsters become used to each other and, as a result, much less concerned with sex," Brown explained.

Children live in three buildings, the original one of the Saco Institution, which also

houses the administrative offices, and two specially built cottages, named Portland and Belfast. Girls' bedrooms are off one corridor, boys' another, and in between is a spacious living-dining room. The house parents' rooms are off one end of the main room and the back door enters on a carefully

Center More Like Home

al, Saturday, Feb. 7, 1959

William E. Miles

William E. Miles, 92, of 77 Harrison avenue, Saco, died yesterday afternoon at his home.

He was born in Limerick, the son of Thomas and Catherine (Libby) Miles. He was educated in Limerick and for many years he operated a grocery store on Main street, Saco. He also operated a market garden for many years. He attended the United Baptist church of Saco.

Miles is survived by his widow, Maude (Meserve) Miles; a son, William D., and three grandsons.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. David B. Howe, pastor of the Saco United Baptist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Monday afternoon and evening.



A would-be cowboy entertains three fellow residents during an evening get-together in one of the bedrooms at the cottage where they reside. Youngsters at the home range from six to 18, stay an average of 14 months.

and the institution believes, Brown said, that "in some instances seeing to it they get an education is part of the continuing job of making good citizens of these boy and girls."

To date, about 600 children have spent a period in residence at the institution. Hundreds more have been helped on an out-patient basis and an increasing number of parents are taking advantage of its group therapy sessions, in which Sweetser has pioneered.

Of 255 applications last year, 29 were admitted, 152 were taken on as out-patients, 15 were put on the waiting list, and nine were referred to other agencies. Thirty-one applications were withdrawn and 19 were denied because of the institution's inability to help within its framework.

During the same period Sweetser discharged 27 children, 15 of them to their own homes, seven to foster homes, four to another institution or hospital and one to the home of a relative.

Referrals come from school officials, judges, physicians and other agencies, but more and more from parents.

They're realizing, Brown said, that there's no stigma attached to having a child with a problem.

Nor does the average youngster resent being sent to Sweetser. A case in point is the young teen-ager who was discussing smoking with his house father, who had denied him permission.

"My mother and father let me when I'm at home," he said.

"Well, you're not at home now."

"Oh yes I am," the boy retorted.

His answer must have given the house father the glow of satisfaction that is his job's greatest reward.

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Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Friday, Sept. 26, 1958



Downed By Progress

The "Old Colonial" at 66 West Grand Ave., Old Orchard Beach, is being torn down to make way for a new, \$60,000, 16-unit motel. Mrs. Bernadette Vallancourt of 68 Wood St., Lewiston, owner, said the deluxe motel will include some with light housekeeping facilities and equipped with the latest modern materials of construction and furnishings. (By Staff Photographer Dexter)

Portland (Me.) Press

derald, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1960

MRS. FREEMAN J. GOOGINS

WESTBROOK—Mrs. Carola F. Googins, 60, wife of Freeman J. Googins, died unexpectedly Monday at her home, 34 Lamb St.

She was born in Buxton, Sept. 27, 1900, daughter of the late William and Florence Thomas Hobson, attended Buxton Schools and was graduated from Thornton Academy, Saco, in 1917.

She was a member of Warren

Congregational Church and its Group B and was past matron of Adah Chapter, OES, Biddeford. She was employed at La Fond's Dept. store.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Glenna Saunders and Mrs. Gloria A. Farmer, both of Portland; a son, Donald F. Googins, Westbrook; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Reba Nutter, Westbrook; and two brothers, Herbert H. Hobson, Standish, and Jabez W. Hobson, Norway.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at 795 Main St. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Portland.

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board utility room adjoin-
ing kitchen.

The sleeping areas, each with its own bathroom, contain both single and double beds, with varying color schemes, and furniture arrangements. The presence of books, pin-ups and even a corner filled with radio equipment indicate the divergent interests of the occupants.

In the main room are tasteful furnishings that don't look as if they were serving a household of a dozen boys and girls.

"We like to provide the kids with things that are good and useful, since that's how they learn to appreciate and take care of them," Brown said.

Equipped

Every house has a piano, television set, and pets. One even has a baby, the 10 months old daughter of the houseparents, the object of almost constant devoted attention when the children are at home.

Latest addition to the institution is a recently completed wing containing an auditorium-gymnasium, social room, canteen, school rooms, craft room, roller skating rink, equipped with rubber tired skates, bowling alley and an apartment where a staff member and his family reside. A high fidelity sound system can be piped into any room.

Also on the grounds are a stable of riding horses, three miles of bridle paths, and plenty of room and equipment for ball playing and other games.

But life at Sweetser isn't all play. Every youngster has an assigned job, usually a housekeeping task, that is periodically changed. In addition, he may work as much as he likes at paid jobs. They include farm chores, grounds care, laundry work, grocery deliveries and a dozen others, and are particularly popular on weekends and during school vacations.

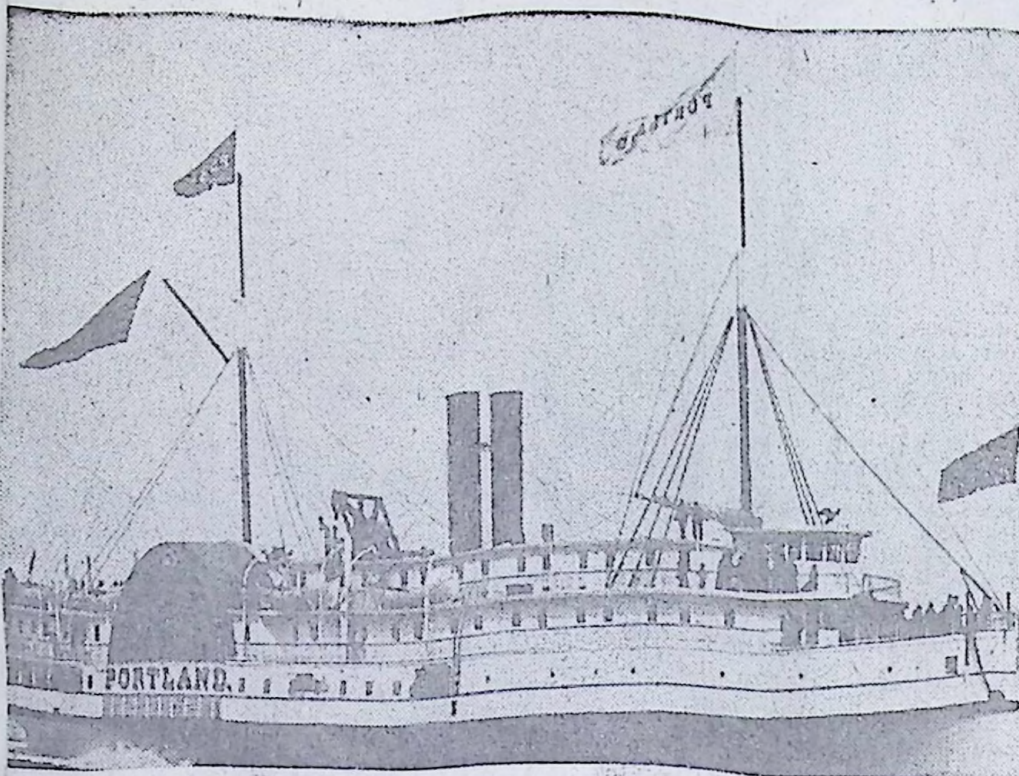
Week days are devoted largely to school and homework. Most children go to public school in Saco. The others, too seriously disturbed to settle down to the normal classroom routine, are taught by the institution's own remedial teacher. Using some of the most modern aids available, she prepares them for the return to public school, usually in less than a year.

Children also go in town shopping, to church, to the movies and to visit friends.

"We feel they must get into the community," Brown explained. As long as they stay in a vacuum it's impossible to tell whether they're progressing."

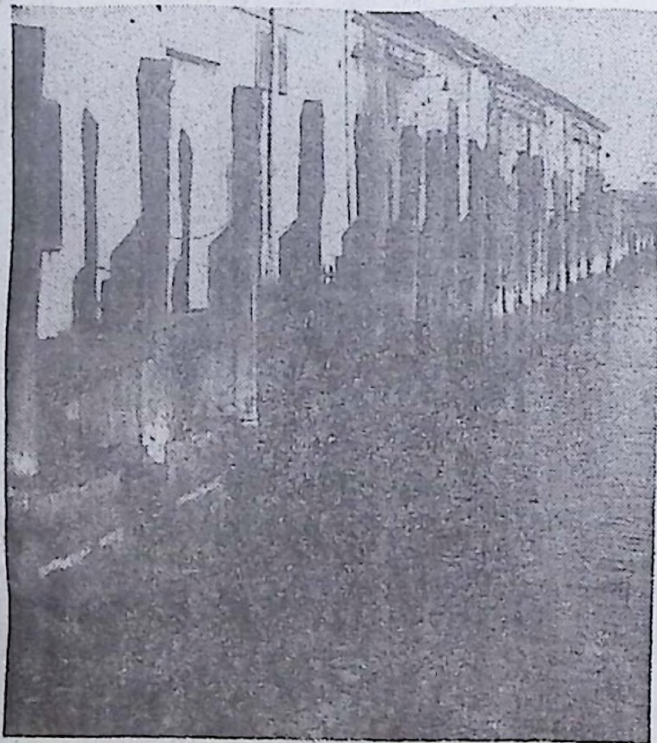
The average length of stay is now about 14 months, but some are there only six weeks, others as long as three and a half years. There's even a scholarship fund to help an occasional youngster go from the institution to college or professional school. Some of them have no families of their own to help

OF TIME, AND A SHIP

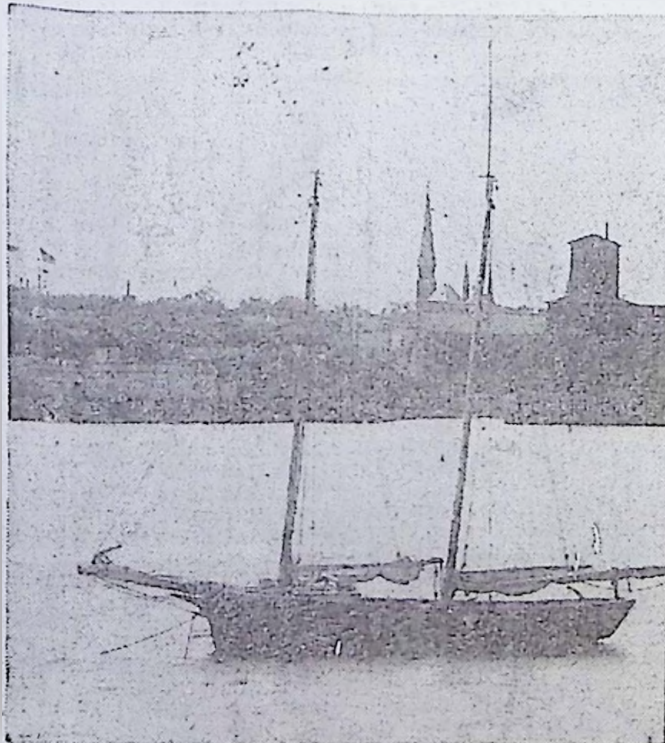


She was a beautiful sidewheeler, by standards of the 1890's. The Portland of the Boston and Portland Steam Packet Co., Bath-built, grossed 2300 tons, was 281 feet long, and handsomely appointed. Her main saloon was thickly carpeted in red, with matching sofas. Electric chandeliers blazed from her polished, veneer walls, and most cabins were furnished in harmonizing elegance.

When she sailed from Boston Nov. 26, 1898, into a gathering blizzard, her captain, Henry H. Blanchard of Yarmouth, apparently had no fears for her safety—to his own, his ship's, his passengers' and crew's doom.



The Portland sailed from India Wharf (left) in Boston. Her destination was Franklin Wharf, Portland, on the right side of this historic photograph of the city's waterfront. She never arrived. She went down with every one of the 176 persons aboard. Wreckage and bodies which commenced to drift ashore Sunday night off Highland Light, at the tip of Cape Cod, hinted at the location of the vessel's sinking if not the full cause. The gales which lashed New England that weekend after Thanksgiving



wrecked at least 200 other craft of all sizes—including the big trans-Atlantic steamer Ohio, inbound from England. India Wharf is shown as it looks today, semi-abandoned, unchanged since that snowy Saturday night when well-wishers bid goodbye to their friends on the Portland night boat. Portland's waterfront is considerably altered since the turn of the century; Maine State Pier, for example, having replaced Franklin Wharf.

al, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1958

Mrs. J. L. Burnham, Saco Native, Dies

Mrs. Virgia Ellen Burnham, a prominent musician and widow of James L. Burnham, who was a former news editor of the Journal, died early this morning at a local hospital. She was 83 years old and made her home at 47 Thornton avenue, Saco.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of James and Katherine (Boothby) Hill, and was educated in the Saco schools. She was a member of the last graduating class of Saco high school in 1889. For many years she taught mathematics at Thornton academy.

She was active in musical circles of the area and taught piano for many years. She served as organist at Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, for over 30 years and also played at St. Martin's Episcopal church at Biddeford Pool for several years.

She was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco. Officiating at the funeral services Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Dennett and Craig funeral home will be Rev. Birger Johnson, pastor of the Saco church.

Survivors include a son, Harry J. Burnham, Saco; two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday evening. Burial after the Saturday services will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

s Herald, Friday, May 6, 1960

Former Mayor Of Saco Dies

SACO — Charles Sheldon Anthony, 47, a former mayor of this city, died suddenly Thursday at his summer home at Bay View.

He was born in Lewiston, May 21, 1912, son of Alfred and Gertrude Libbey Anthony, and had been a resident of this city 22 years. He was educated in schools of Scarsdale, N.Y., and at Pawling Preparatory School, Pawling, N.Y., and was a graduate of Bates College, Lewiston. For several years he operated Anthony's Hardware Store here. In recent years he had operated a summer guest colony at Bay View.

He was a member and Trustee of the Second Parish Unitarian Church, a corporator of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution and a member of the Saco Businessmen's Assn.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Suzanne Emmons Anthony; a son, Charles S. Jr.; his mother, of Boston and Bay View; two brothers, Richard L. of Westwood, Mass., and Warren S. of Natick, Mass.; a half-sister, Mrs. Robert L. Dexter of Belmont, Mass.; a half-brother, Alfred W. of Newtonville, Mass., and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Edmund W. Beal will conduct funeral services at 3 p. m. Saturday at the Second Parish Unitarian Church.

Burial will be in Buxton Lower Corner Cemetery.

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al, Monday, Dec. 22, 1958]

George F. Albrecht Dies In Saco At 78

George Frederick Albrecht, 78, a prominent political and civic leader and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, died suddenly Sunday evening at his residence on North street, Saco. He was a former alderman and member of the school committee of Saco and was the chief draftsman for many years at the Saco-Lowell shops here.

He was born and educated in the schools of Boston, Mass., and worked for several years in the Saco-Lowell shops at Newton Upper Falls, Mass. He was a member of the Methodist church at Newton Upper Falls, and a life member of the Dalhousie lodge, A. F. and A. M. in the same community. He also belonged to the Woonsocket, R. I., chapter, O. E. S., and to the St. Elmo Royal Arch chapter of Whitinsville, Mass. He was enrolled in the Odd Fellows lodge of Newton Highlands, Mass., and was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He joined the Maine Council of Saco, the York county Fish and Game association, and the Scottish rite bodies, 32nd degree of Portland, when he came to Maine.

Business Career

His business career began in Newton Upper Falls for the Saco-Lowell firm. Next he went to the Woonsocket, R. I., Machine and Press company, and from there he came to the local plant of the Saco-Lowell shops. He served there as a chief draftsman for many years until he returned to Massachusetts for the Whitin machine company in Whitinsville. He completed his employ there and came back to Saco, joining the Portland company where he remained until his retirement three years ago.

Survivors include a widow, Sadie Tarbox Albrecht of Saco; a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Ladd, Portland; a sister, Mrs. James W. Roth, Livermore, Calif.; a brother, Louis T. Albrecht, Orleans, Mass.; a granddaughter, Susan Ladd of Portland; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Birger Johnson, pastor of the First Parish Congregational church of Saco, will officiate and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday evening from 7 to 9. Flowers will be omitted.

Biddeford Saco Journal
Friday, July 12, 1963

Florence Gilpatric

PORTLAND—Private services for Mrs. Florence Gilpatric, wife of former Saco Mayor Walter James Gilpatric, who died in Portland, will be conducted from Hay and Peabody, 749 Congress St., Portland, Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Born in Massachusetts, she was 72 years old and had lived in Saco for 40 years.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill, Cemetery, Saco.



Lewis Metcalfe of Auburn had left his bride, Nora, the day before Thanksgiving to visit relatives near Boston. Unemployed since a wood mill near Lewiston had shut down, he was seeking work. Nora Metcalfe, shown as she looked in 1898, and as she is today, hanging laundry at her Auburn home, had the "strangest feeling" when she said goodbye to her husband. She asserts, therefore, she was not entirely shocked when word finally came through that the

steamer on which he was returning home was lost. His body was one of the relatively few to be washed ashore. Lewis Metcalfe is buried in Gracelawn Cemetery, Auburn, and "When I'm feeling pretty good," Mrs. Metcalfe visits his grave. Nora Metcalfe, just turned 90, has never quit the little country farmhouse where she was living that November when she was widowed by the loss of the steamer Portland.



Henry T. Hooper is one of New Gloucester's senior and most respected residents. He is shown as a boy, with his younger brother, Carl, and at the bird feeding station in front of his farmhouse today. Life is all a matter of breaks and quirks, he will tell you. His father, Oren Hooper, who had founded the well-known Portland furnishing store, Hooper Son & Leighton, had taken Carl with him after Thanksgiv-

ing to the famed annual Mechanics Fair in Boston. The senior Hooper, however, possessed a pass on the Boston and Portland Steam Packet Co., a factor which generally impelled him to make the journey by sea rather than by rail. His inclination remained unchanged that Saturday night even in the face of a mounting storm. Both Oren Hooper and little Carl perished with the others aboard the ill-fated Portland.

Way Back When - In Biddeford



This group of swooning, mooning young ladies was known in November, 1915, as the Pensive Pansies. They appeared in full bloom on the stage of the City Opera House as one of the highlights of a historical pageant presented for the benefit of the Biddeford High School Alumni Scholarship fund. The girls, left to right, are Elizabeth Bradbury (Emerson), Dorothy Staples, Eleanor Copeland (McCallum), Kate Goodwin, Frances Bradbury (Burke), and ——. The photo is on display at McArthur library, loaned by Mrs. Hervey Dubreuil.

AUGUST 12, 1953

Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Hill house, 299 Pool road, was the home of Capt. William Hill, whose son, Rowland Hill, was later widely known in Biddeford and Saco as a clothing merchant. The exact age of the house is not known, but it may have been standing in 1830. It has been established, however, that either this house, or a preceding house on the same site, was the home of Biddeford's famous "Parson" Webster who was the minister of the old Pool Road Congregational church for almost 50 years from 1779 to 1828. Parson Webster's first salary was seventy-five English pounds a year, and by contract he was paid yearly with 45 bushels of corn, 100 pounds of butter, 100 pounds of fish, 400 pounds of pork, and four thousand pounds of beef which then sold at about five cents a pound. The good Parson certainly didn't eat all that beef in one year; he must have been expected to sell a good part of it to raise cash.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Monday, January 8, 1962

Lewis Polakewich, Noted Businessman, Dies In Saco Home

A Biddeford native and clothing store operator for 44 years, Lewis Polakewich, 74, died suddenly Sunday morning at his home, 311 Main street, Saco. He will be buried following funeral services Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with Rabbi Abraham I. Jacobson of Temple Beth El, Haverhill, Mass., officiating and private interment at Berlin, N.H.

Born January 1, 1933, son of Joseph and Sara (Goodkowsky) Polakewich, he attended Biddeford schools and graduated from Gray's Business college, Portland.

Polakewich was a World War I veteran and following his release in 1918 he purchased his father's retail clothing business on Main street, Biddeford. He had since operated it as Lewis Polakewich, Inc.

A life member of the Biddeford and Saco Elks lodge, he was also a member of Laconia Lodge, 100F, the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, York County Fish and Game association, State Merchants association and the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bertha (Israelson) Polakewich; a daughter, Mrs. Eliot M. Fink; and one granddaughter, Joan R. Fink, all of Saco; two sisters, Miss Emma Polakewich and Mrs. Dora Hartman, both of Haverhill, Mass., and several cousins.

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Journal Founder Man

Colonel Charles Henry Prescott, the founder and for nearly 49 years the sole owner, publisher and managing editor of the Journal was highly respected in newspaper, civic, political, business and fraternal circles. His interests included almost every phase of the life of the Biddeford-Saco area and the State of Maine.

He was a director or an officer in several corporations, took an active part in efforts to bring railroads and other enterprises into this part of the state and was a Republican candidate for governor in 1904.

Prescott was born in Barnstead, N. H., the son of James Lewis and Harriet Morrill Tripp Prescott, on August 3, 1857. While he was a child his parents moved to North Berwick where his father established a manufacturing firm which he and his sons operated for many years.

The young Prescott attended Wick, entered Berwick academy and later studied law at Boston University. He was admitted to the York County Bar in 1880, but had no sooner started to practice his profession when, in the same year, he became a newspaperman.

Purchase Newspaper

Charles and his brother, William W. Prescott, purchased the "Weekly Union and Journal" in Biddeford from George A. Hobbs in 1880. They published the paper together for about a year until William withdrew from the firm and Charles became the sole owner.

Three years later, in 1884, after acquiring a thorough knowledge of newspaper publication, Prescott founded the Biddeford Daily Journal, which soon became regarded as one of the outstanding newspapers in the state.

Prescott continued as sole owner, publisher and managing editor of the Journal for almost 40 years but he was relieved of some of the duties of editorship in the later years of his life when the business was incorporated.

Under Prescott's guidance, the Journal twice found it necessary to seek larger quarters, moving the second time, in 1905, to the present Journal building on Adams street, a plant which was specially designed to fit the needs of the newspaper business and was equipped with all the latest machinery of the day.

President Of Bank

Among his many business interests, Prescott was for many years a trustee of the York County Savings bank and succeeded John Berry as president. He was a director of the First National Bank of Biddeford and followed Charles A. Moody as president in 1917.

Prescott was also a director of the Union Mutual Life Insurance company of Portland, the North Berwick Manufacturing company, the Biddeford Improvement society and other corporations and organizations of an industrial nature.

He was active in the development of the Biddeford and Saco railroad when it was first established and later, when it was in danger of being abandoned, he was influential in its reorganization. In the reorganized firm he held the positions of president and manager, and for several years was secretary and treas-



Col. Charles H. Prescott

urer.

Long interested in transportation facilities, Prescott was a director and vice president of the Portland Street Railroad company, which in later years was absorbed by the Cumberland County Light and Power company.

Prominent in the Republican party, Prescott played a leading role in the political life of Maine. In 1883, when only 26 years old, he was elected to the Maine House of Representatives and was the youngest member of that legislative body. He was re-elected in 1884 and was nominated in 1885 for a third term but declined to take office.

Active In Politics

He became York county treasurer in 1887, a position he held continuously until 1890. From 1888 to 1892 he was chairman of

the Biddeford Republican City committee. In 1888 he was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National convention that nominated Benjamin Harrison for president. He was a member of the committee on resolutions which was headed by William McKinley, then in Congress and later president.

From 1893 to 1897, during the two terms of Governor Henry B. Cleaves, Prescott was a member of the governor's staff. In 1895 and 1896 he was elected to the Maine State Senate from York county. From 1901 to 1905 he was chairman of the executive council under Governor John F. Hill.

Prescott was also interested

in charitable and educational institutions. As a trustee of the Cornelius Sweetser estate, he was instrumental in the building of the Sweetser Home for Boys in Saco, now the Sweetser Childrens home.

He was a member of the Webber hospital board of managers from the time it was established and was a trustee of Thornton academy. He was a member of Dunlap lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Biddeford, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, the Cumberland club of Portland and the Biddeford and Saco Country club.

Prescott married Ellen S. Hobbs, of North Berwick, on January 17, 1882.

"Man Among Men"

When Prescott died at his family home in Saco on December 19, 1923, at the age of 66, Edward H. Drapeau, then mayor of Biddeford referred to him in a published statement as "a man among men; charitable and benevolent," and added, "So interested was he in the public benefit that he held his paper open always at the disposal of any organization."

In the issue of the Journal published on the day Prescott died is written the following:

"... Here in the office of the newspaper to the interest of which he gave so much of his life, we knew him, first of all, as a man among men, a gentleman under any and all circumstances. Of equable temper and sanguine temperament, he had the faculty of inspiring his employees a loyalty which endured the severest tests because it was founded on a feeling which combined the

better qualities of both respect

and affection. Here he was recognized as a dependable friend in time of need; a sympathizer in time of honor; a safe adviser in time of trouble.

"To the community-at-large Charles H. Prescott was, in kind if not degree, just what he was to his co-workers in various business enterprises. His reputation for probity, conservatism and good judgment led to a demand for his services in many positions of public and private trust, and results always proved that this confidence was fully justified. Probably no other citizen ever devoted more anxious thought to the welfare, mental and moral, as well as material, of Biddeford and Saco. Here at home his passing will be greatly felt and his presence sorely missed. In the broader fields of country and state, though he had gradually retired from active participation in political affairs and was slowly divesting himself of a heavy burden of business responsibilities with a view to the fuller enjoyment of a well-earned leisure, he will be missed only a little less than in his home community. For in politics and in business his advice was still sought as that of a man whose experience and judgment commanded respect and confidence.

"Among men there are those who are liked on short acquaintance, but who do not wear well; and there are those who improve upon closer acquaintance and whom we like better the more we know them. Charles H. Prescott belonged to the latter class. His loyalty to his friends was proverbial. His sympathy for suffering humanity, whether in the mass or in individual cases, was acute, and the ears of his conscience were never closed to the call of distress. While the list of his open benefactions was a long one, it was exceeded by the number of cases with which he did not let his left hand know what his right hand was doing.

"As marking the passing of the man who for so many years was the personal embodiment of the 'Biddeford Journal,' who since his early manhood has been such a vital element in the development of Biddeford and Saco, who has so ably filled so many positions of responsibility, who, above all and through all, so loved his home and home life, we believe this brief but heartfelt hail-and-farewell is amply justified."

Saturday, Sept. 12, 1959]

Mrs. Herbert Jose

Mrs. Lila Jose, 75, widow of Herbert A. Jose and a resident of 32 Cutts avenue, Saco, died suddenly last night at a local hospital.

She was born in Blackburn, England, daughter of James and Martha Smith. She belonged to Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, and the Women's Educational and Industrial union.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Richard Murphy, Lexington, Mass., and Miss Reba Jose, Dorchester, Mass., and one grandson.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p. m., from the Denneff and Craig funeral home, 265 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Portland, Maine, Sunday, March 8, 1959

Harry Lauder, right, singing comedian, with William Evarts, popular character actor in local stock companies, at the Preble Street entrance to B. F. Keith's Theater, back about 1925. Both are dead.



MRS. WILLIAM J. BEATTY

SACO — Mrs. Hazel B. Beatty, 67, of 52 Locke St., wife of William J. Beatty, died at a Biddeford Hospital early Monday morning following a long illness. Born in Biddeford, Dec. 7, 1891, she was the daughter of Edward and Hattie Hazeltine Bulmer. She was educated in the schools of Biddeford and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, a past president of the Guild of the church, past matron of Annette Chapter, OES, and the E and I Union.

Surviving besides her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Pollock and a grandson, William Pollock, both of this city. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Knox of the Trinity Episcopal Church officiating. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Herald, Thursday, July 30, 1957

MRS. CORA K. STILLMAN

SACO — Mrs. Cora K. Stillman, 76, of 187 North St., widow of Lewis B. Stillman, died early Wednesday at a Biddeford Hospital.

Born in this city, Aug. 11, 1882, she was the daughter of Melville and Georgianna Cutts Kelley. She was educated in the local schools and was graduated from Gray's Business College, Portland. She was a member of the Saco United Baptist Church and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Wardwell Home.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edwin E. Smith of Boston, Mass., Mrs. Warren Livingston Du Bois of Pipersville, Pa., Mrs. Harry L. Jones of Newton Center, Mass.; three nieces, two nephews and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday from her late home, 187 North St., and interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Portland (Mo.) Press Herald,

Saturday, May 21, 1960

CHARLES F. MOODY

SACO — Charles Frederick Moody, 58, of 82 Ferry Rd., died Friday at a Biddeford hospital following a long illness.

Born here Sept. 11, 1901, he was the son of Frederick and Emma Wight Moody. He was educated in local schools and was graduated from Thornton Academy and the University of Maine. He was employed by the Maine State Forestry Serv-

ices several years. He had been the owner and operator of a shrubs nursery here.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Saco Lodge F and A M, Annette Chapter, OES, and Bradford Commandery.

He is survived by a son, Robert W. Moody, and a grandson, Robert W. Moody Jr., both of Saco.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Telegram, June 19, 1960

WILLIAM K. SIAS

BIDDEFORD — William K. Sias, 80, a resident of this city and Goose Rocks Beach, Kennebunkport, died Friday at a nursing home in Kennebunk.

Born in Peabody, Mass., Jan. 8, 1880, he was the son of George and Emily Knight Sias. He was educated in the Salem, Mass., schools and worked at the Saco Lowell Shops for over 39 years as a machinist retiring nine years ago.

He is a member of Dunlap Lodge, AF and AM, Royal York

Chapter, Kora Temple Shrine, 32nd degree Mason, Maine Council, Adah Chapter, OES, and Salem Lodge, IOOF.

He is survived by one son, William F. Sias of this city and Goose Rocks Beach; one sister, Mrs. James W. Deering of this city; one brother, Harry G. Sias of California; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.

Tuesday, July 24, 1962

Emma F. Boynton

Mrs. Emma F. Boynton, 97, widow of Dr. George F. Boynton, resident of Tioga avenue, Ocean Park, died early this morning at a Scarborough convalescent home.

Born in Lewiston, June 5, 1865, she was a daughter of Nathan and Mary (Fellows) Cobb. A former resident of Waltham, Mass., she was a member of the Beth Eden Baptist church of Waltham.

She is survived by one son, Guy L. Boynton, Waltham, Mass.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Layton S. Garron, Waltham; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, Auburn.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 7 to 9.



Although variety entertainment was presented in a number of long-gone theaters between Pearl Street and Longfellow Square, B. F. Keith's, left, at Preble and Congress streets, and the Colonial, formerly Greeley's, at Temple and Congress, were the two principal emporiums of vaudeville in the past half century. The Colonial closed in 1943. Keith's, now the Civic, hasn't housed vaudeville in a score of years, give or take a few.

Steamship Fare To Hub

Was One Dollar In 1884

Steamship lines, railroads and patent medicine firms were among the daily advertisers in the Journal 75 years ago.

The Boston and Maine railroad and the Eastern railroad were the leading modes of transportation out of Biddeford to Boston and Portland in those days and made a point of having their timetables readily available to the citizens of the two-city area.

The steamship lines, operating regular passenger runs between Portland and Boston, advertised fares of one dollar one way.

In the first edition of the Journal, fire insurance written by a number of firms, was offered for sale by Pillsbury and Gove, with offices located at 170 Main street.

Carter and Pillsbury, located at numbers 232, 234 and 236 Main street, announced to the readers of the Journal that they "Wish to call the attention of the citizens of Biddeford and vicinity to the fact they have constantly on hand a large assortment of groceries, provisions, fresh and salt meats,

crockery and glassware. Also grain of all kinds, pressed hay, and everything kept in a first-class grocery store, all of which they offer at the lowest prices."

Hamilton and Well, attorneys-at-law, with offices at 92 Main street, advertised "Prompt and careful attention given to all legal business. References: Any of the business men of Biddeford."

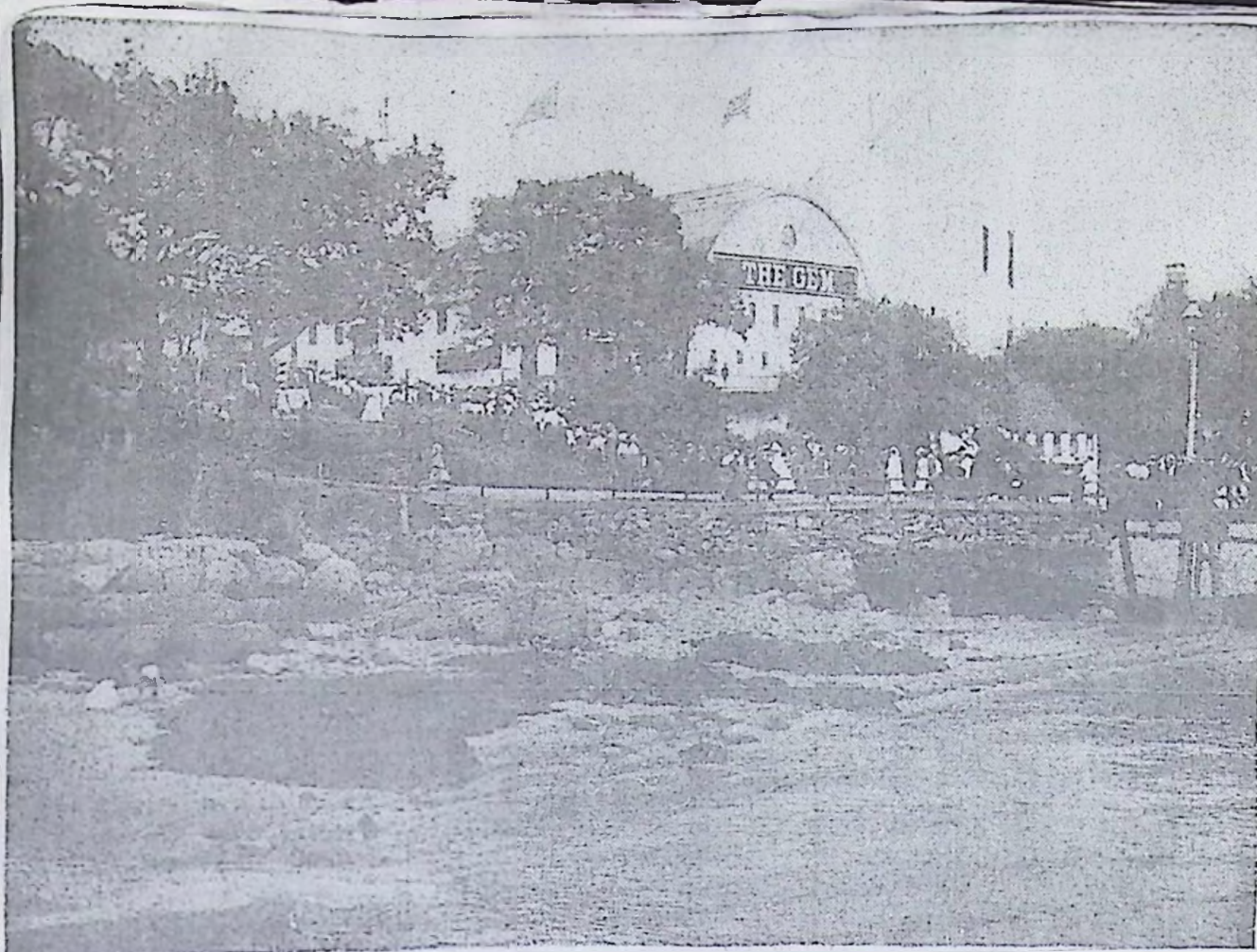
E. L. Cowan and company, 145 Main street, advertised as being "The old, reliable tea, coffee, fancy grocery, fruit and confectionery establishment."

R. H. Ford, 90 Main street, offered "men's quilted felt, foxed boots" for sale at \$1.75, "regular \$2.50, and "ladies' fine kid, button boots at \$3, "regular price \$3.75."

J. R. Libby, one of the more popular stores of the day, announced a "great markdown in prices of dry goods and carpetings. "They said, "Our Stock is very large, and we intend to reduce it several thousand dollars, preparatory to taking an accounting of stock."

Vaudeville was, among other things, a stylish medium. Its women dressed to the nines, its men wore the fashion plates of the times. This was even true of the lady acrobats, as shown by Mae Stanley, dark-eyed beauty, whose jeweled costume was a real dazzler.





nal, Tuesday, May 24, 1960

William J. Beatty

William J. Beatty, former operator of a Saco grocery store for many years, died suddenly late this morning at his residence, 52 Locke street, Saco. He was 72 and retired.

He was active in civic and lodge work in the area.

Among the survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Norma Pollock, Saco; a grandson, William Pollock, Jr., a senior at Thornton academy; several sisters, nieces and nephews. His wife died about a year and a half ago.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and were incomplete at press time today. Further announcements will be made tomorrow when the funeral services have been completed.

nal, Monday, July 6, 1959

J. Vaughan Dennett Of Noted Seafaring Family Dies At 91

J. Vaughan Dennett, 91, a Saco native, whose family members were among the early New England sea voyagers and traders to the West Indies, died today at his home on Cross street, Saco, after a long illness.

He was the son of Dr. Roscoe C. Dennett and Olivia (Berry) Dennett, and was born in the Lealand mansion on Main street, now Thornton Hall. His maternal grandparents were Dr. and Mrs. John A. Berry, and he was a descendant of Capt. James Donnell, Biddeford, who sailed in the India trade.

He was educated in Saco schools and in 1887 he sailed to

India as a mate on an American sailing ship. He also made other shorter voyages to the West Indies and in 1889 he gave up the sea as a career and entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. He graduated from that institute in 1893. While at the college he became interested in the development of reinforced concrete as a building material and he became a pioneer in this field, working with the Aberthaw company of Boston. During this time he assisted in building the publishing house of the Christian Science church, Boston.

Restored Houses

Interested in colonial architecture, he also restored many of the old Massachusetts homesteads dating from pioneer days.

His business career in Massachusetts was completed in the late 1920's when he retired and returned to Saco. Here he remodeled and enlarged the old brick house at 13 Cross street which became his permanent home. He collected and refinished many pieces of valuable old furniture during his later years for this residence and his library there was well-known to many residents of the twin cities.

Survivors include a daughter, Miss Dorothy Dennett, Saco; two nephews, Carlton and Devon Dennett, New York City; a cousin, Miss Hannah Woodman, Portland, and several cousins.

Arrangements are by the Shumway funeral home, Saco, and the body will be transferred for cremation to Harmony Grove, Salem, Mass. The placing of the ashes in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco, will take place at a later date in private services.

This sight once greeted visitors to Peaks Island. The Gem is said to have been one of the first summer theaters in the country. George M. Cohan played summer stock in it before World War I in 1914. The Gem burned in the 1920s.

nal, Tuesday, June 30, 1959

Hope H. Littlefield

Mrs. Hope (Hubbard) Littlefield, widow of Roscoe Littlefield and a native of Kennebunk, died suddenly Monday afternoon at her home at Four Corners, Wells road. She was 89 years old.

Born the daughter of George and Isabella (Wentworth) Hubbard, she was educated in the local schools.

She was active in civic clubs in Kennebunk and also in Florida, where she resided winters. She organized the Tourist club in Frostproof, Fla., in 1926, and she belonged to the Community church in Babson Park, Fla.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Honor W. Hollowell, Kennebunk; two grandchildren, Mrs. Lawrence Doane, Kennebunk, and John Hollowell, LaVerne, Calif., and eight great-grandchildren.

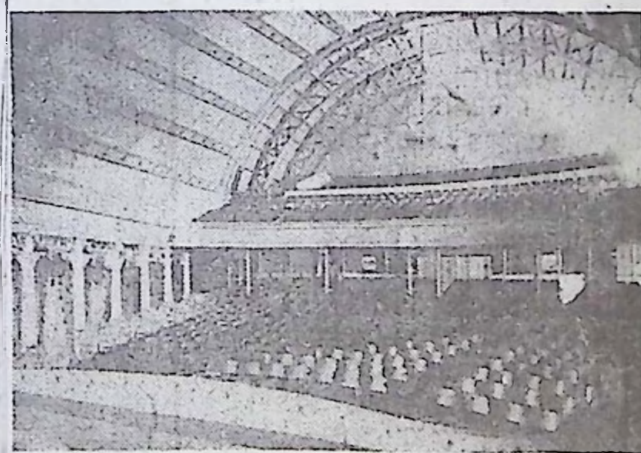
Funeral services will be held Wednesday from the Angell funeral home, 9 Dane street, Kennebunk. Rev. Carl Bierman, pastor of the First Congregational parish church, will officiate and burial will be in the family lot in Hope cemetery.

erald, Monday, March 21, 1960

MRS. EMMA R. BRADBURY

BIDDEFORD — Mrs. Emma Bradbury, 88, of 24 May St., died early Sunday morning at a local hospital. She was the widow of James H. Bradbury.

Mrs. Bradbury was born in Reading, Mass., Dec. 16, 1871, daughter of Franklin and Fannie Clark Richardson. She came to Biddeford in 1875 and was



This was the interior of Peaks Island Gem Theater shortly after it was built in the late 1900s. Decorations were in white and gold with nautical additions to suit its marine setting. The Gem presented new shows every week, six nightly performances and two matinees.

educated in local schools. She was graduated from Biddeford High School in 1890.

Mrs. Bradbury was one of the oldest members of the Thursday Club, was a past matron of Adah Chapter, OES, past president of the U. S. Relief Corps, an attendant of the First Parish Congregational Church, a member of the Trull Aid and the Past Matrons' Society, OES, and for nearly 30 years served on the credentials committee of the Grand Chapter, OES. She also was a member of the Alumni Assn. of Biddeford High School.

She is survived by a daughter,

Mrs. Joseph Burke of Kennebunk; two granddaughters, Miss Cleire F. Emerson of Biddeford and Mrs. E. H. Pierce Jr. of Hartland, Vt., two grandsons, Michael J. Burke of Abington, Mass., and James B. Burke of Kennebunk; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10 a.m. from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco.

Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Reading, Mas

nal, Friday, June 19, 1959

Mrs. Fredson Reed

Mrs. Lena Frances B. Reed, 66, died early today at a local hospital. She was the wife of Fredson C. Reed and a resident of 30 North street, Saco.

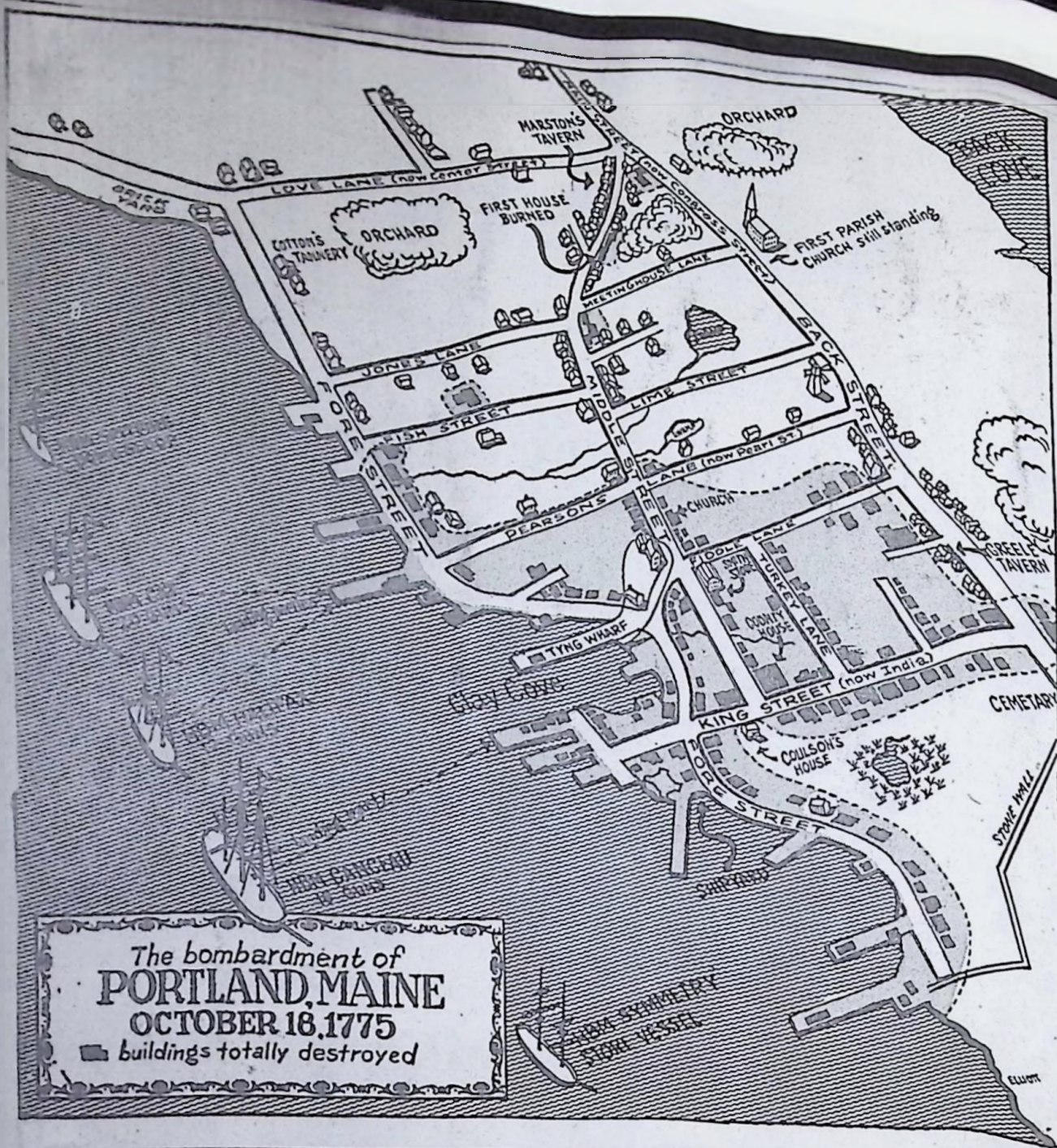
She was born in Grantham, N. H., the daughter of Oscar and Mary Lavitt Buswell and attended Colby Junior College, New London, N. H., and graduated from New Hampton Institute in New Hampshire.

She was a past master of Blue Mountain Grange, Grantham, and a past matron of Woodman chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Claremont, N. H., and affiliated with Annette chapter, Saco. She belonged to the School Street Methodist church, Saco. She and her husband celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary January 2, 1959.

She was active in dramatic circles both in New Hampshire and Maine in her early life.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Vance Batchelder, Cheverly, Md., and Mrs. Bernice Wentworth, Riverdale, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Ella Luman, Saco; a brother, Guy Buswell, Tilton, N. H.; one nephew, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, with Rev. Norman Langmaid, pastor of the School Street Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.



stately hall of education.

The Grand Army of the Republic for years placed flags on the soldiers graves in the cemetery. When they were no longer able to perform this patriotic task, Frank Marr, a son of a Union Veteran took over the task. There is one veteran's grave where the stone is still standing but there is no U.S. flag fluttering in the breeze over the grave of Col. Abner Sawyer. The Good Lord decorated that grave with beautiful violets looming in front of his stone.

The Saco city officials, the Congressman from the First District, the PTA and other members of the Old Guard should hang their heads in shame over the wanton destruction of this ancient burying ground, the established boundary of which extends from a few feet in back of the Unitarian church towards Beach street, well beyond Park avenue, and from the parsonage land on James street into the back yards of the Brick House on school street, the back yards of Park avenue and the back yards of houses on High street; from Park avenue along the fence toward Beach street there are granite slabs partially buried which were the foundations of grave stones. When the training ground for soldiers was cut up into house lots, a fence was stretched across the graves of citizens and soldiers buried there.

Some one decorated the graves along the fence with dead haddock. Very patriotic, I must say! There was no flag flying from the flag pole in front of what used to be Pepperell park. That is as it should be. To hoist a United States flag under existing illegal conditions would be a desecration of that flag.

Marion G. Banks.

[Biddeford-Saco Journal,
Tuesday, June 5, 1962

No flags flutter Over graves of Early Saco dead

Patriotism? What is it?

Is it just sentiment to be cast aside, or is it love of country and love of a community.

Is patriotism something to be taken out of a dark closet, dusted off and worn on May 30th then put back to gather dust for another year?

Is May 30th, Memorial Day, a day when we honor those who sacrificed, fought, and died to establish a great nation on this continent, or has it become the one day in the year when the mayor and city council may put a flower in the buttonhole and strut pompously along Main street to the beat of drums, followed by the so-called patriotic organizations, and even a horse show?

Ten years from now, will we hear the beat of drums and marching feet as the city honors its defenders on the dedicated day, or will Memorial Day, which was established by the Grand Army of the Republic become a thing

of the past, just a dim memory as the 4th of July has become. The Fourth of July, which was once celebrated in honor of the Revolutionary War Veterans, a day which now only marks the beginning of a vacation period.

Ten years from today, will the veterans and citizens who rest in Laurel Hill, Woodlawn and Greenwood cemeteries still rest there in peace, or will their graves be dug into to provide a site for a noisy school, a parking lot or a bargain mart to satisfy greed.

Today, May 30th, 1962 we saw the graves of our relatives and friends decked with flowers and the flag of our great nation flying over the graves of the defenders of that nation in the above mentioned cemeteries. Along every country road, we see flags flying in private burying grounds.

Two cemeteries in the city of Saco were forgotten and ignored by our so-called patriotic citizens.

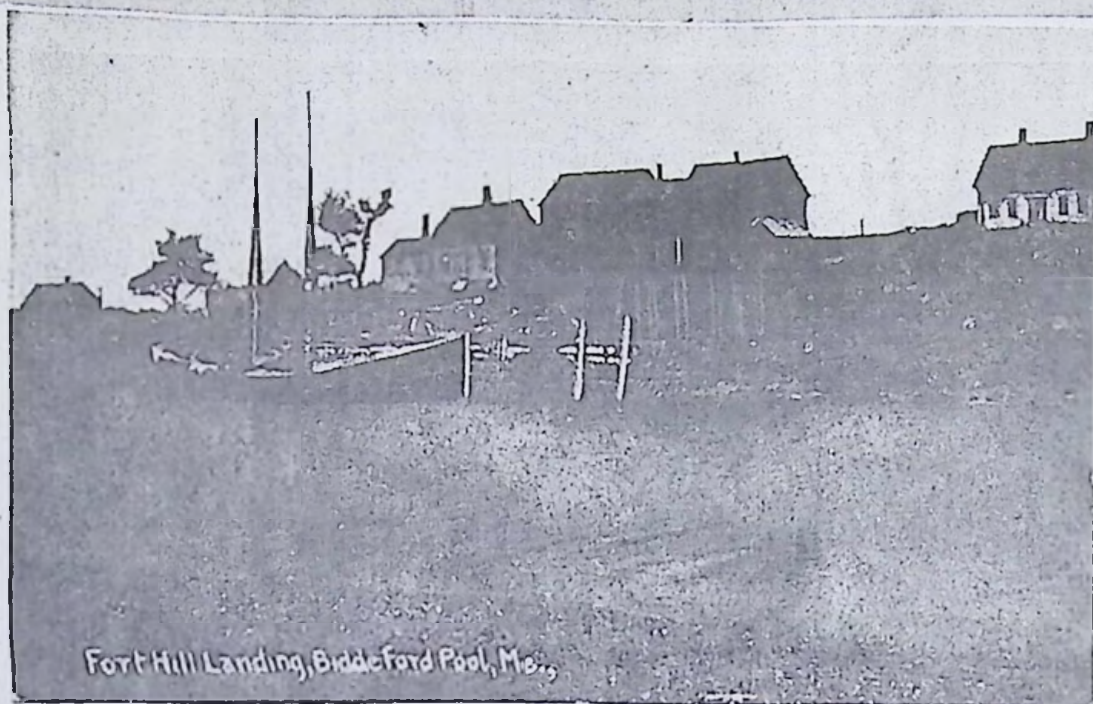
In one long-forgotten cemetery lie the first settlers of the town of Saco. These early settlers fought many a bloody battle with hostile Indians and French. They did not leave their settlement, even though their homes were burned to the ground. They did not head back to England and wait there until things calmed down.

With the exception of those who died fighting and those who were

carried off to Quebec by the French and the Indians, they all stayed right here in Saco, which they had to defend. The town lines then extended from Cape Porpoise to Cape Elizabeth, and eight or nine miles back into the country. This ancient cemetery, which should be the pride of the citizens of Saco is lovingly cared for by neighbors. (May the good Lord bless them abundantly)

The mayor and city council marched pompously by the other cemetery. No flags fluttered in the breeze over the graves of officers and veterans of the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and the Civil War who lie in the cemetery. In the year 1931 the stones marking the graves of Col. James Scammon and Captain Joseph Bradbury, officers in the Revolutionary War; Col. J. Abner Sawyer of the War of 1812, and E. J. Milliken, Company A, 10th infantry, a Civil War veteran were standing. Capt. Levi Emery, 1812 War, and Tristram Hooper, a Revolutionary War soldier were buried here, but their stones were not standing in 1931. There are without a doubt many more veterans buried there. Was it Col. Richard Cutts' tomb which was uncovered and quickly filled in early one morning last October? If it was, he is now under the illegal million dollar school, which might be taken by searchers to be a shoe factory instead of a

Way Back When - In Biddeford



Here is a view of the Fort Hill landing at Hills Beach across from the Biddeford Pool "Gut" taken in the early 1900's. The houses shown were occupied by fishermen. Lobstering was a sideline at the time, and fish other than the shell variety was the main support of these men and their families whose homes line the shores of

what has become two very popular summer resorts. A large portion of the hill known as Fort Hill, because Fort Mary erected for defense against Indian raids had once occupied this spot, is now owned by the Kurtz family of Lawrence, Mass., and the houses have been completely remodeled for summer occupancy.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 1954



"IN A LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE"—when you think of that song perhaps you picture a group of school children such as those above who were members of the first grade of the Bonython school, Saco, Me. in June, 1897. Seated in the first row are, left to right, Ida (Bumpus) Coburn, Mollie (Weymouth) Hyde, Olive (Staples) Neithert, Jennie (Burns) Leavitt, Katherine Kelley, Gertrude Knight, Ina Glavin and Carrie Timminy. Second row, same order, Margaret Wilson, Raymond Emery, Dr. Carl Dennett, Sumner Harper (deceased), Harry Mullen (deceased),

Ethel (Allen) Hooper, ———, George Norwood. Third row, same order, Roy Fremont Tounge, Roderique McAuley (deceased), James Fenderson (deceased), Frederick Wiggin, Leigh Burnham, John Lang, Solomon Mercier, Edward Fairfield, William Sweetsir. Last row, same order, Guy Worthing, John Nesbit, ———, Stanley, Walter Mullen, Lawrence Doe (deceased), Sam Lindsey, John Noble, Robert Burns (deceased), Frank Lavigne. Seated in back of the group is the teacher, Annie Colb Kingsley.

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Oasis of Lewiston
Desert of Maine

April 24, 1959

Monday, November 9, 1959

Alfred R. Kennedy

Alfred Rufus Kennedy, 79, of 273 Alfred street, Biddeford, died this morning at a local hospital.

He was born in Lowell, Mass., the son of William and Mary (Harwood) Kennedy, and was employed for 30 years at the Saco-Lowell shops as a machinist foreman until his retirement a few years ago.

He was a member of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco; Pentucket Lodge, F. and A. M., Lowell, Mass., and Adah chapter, O. E. S.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Staples Kennedy; two daughters, Mrs. Frederick W. Graf, Bethlehem, Pa., and Mrs. Richard H. Becker, Westbury, N. Y.; a son, Charles A., Amherst, N. H.; a sister, Mrs. Marion Hanscomb, Ocean Park, and eight grand-children.

Funeral services are under the direction of Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be announced later.



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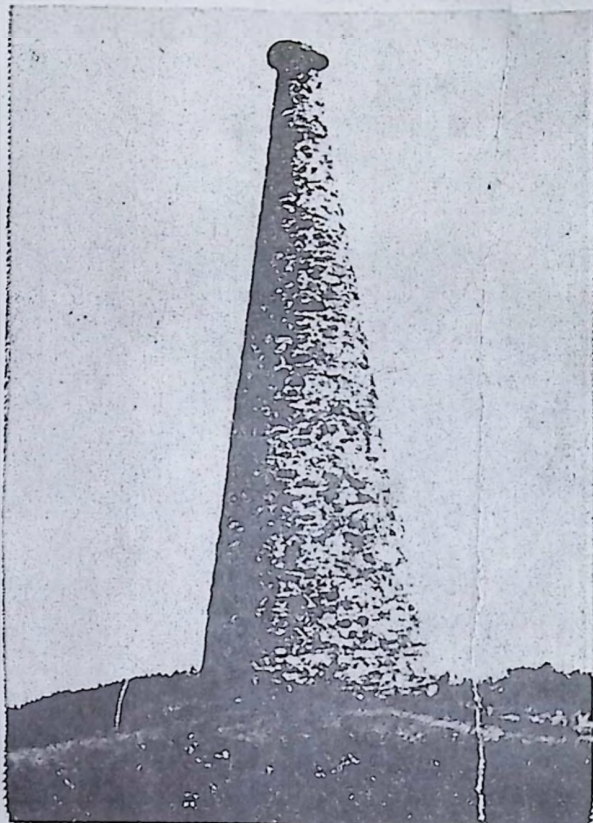
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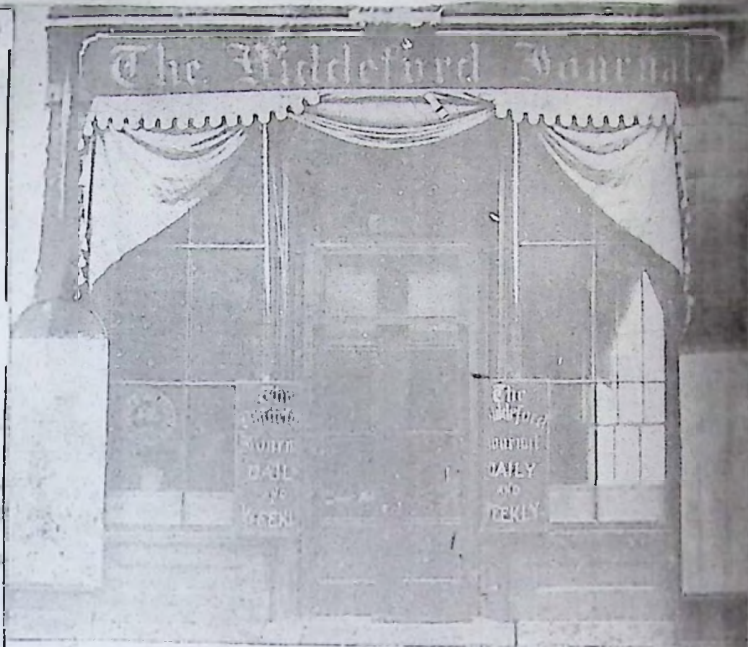
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Way Back When —



What is that, anyway?" we were asked by a person who saw this print before the cut was made, and that is the question asked by many motorists and persons who cruise along the Saco river. Many think it is a lighthouse, but it isn't. It is simply a deep water marker, located on Stage or Monument Island, to indicate the entrance to Biddeford Pool. It was erected in the spring of 1825 and, because of poor foundations, it fell in the fall of the same year. Contractors were Portland people, one of whom was killed when the tower fell. His partners later rebuilt it as it stands today.

Biddeford Journal Engraving



THE JOURNAL BUILDING, center, at 11 Adams street, was constructed in 1904 under the direction of its founder, Charles H. Prescott. The Journal got its start in the building shown in the top photo, the present site of the First National bank at the corner of Main and Lincoln streets. The lower photo is a closeup of the first Journal office, showing how news bulletins were hung on boards outside the door.

In Memoriam

These Companions have passed away since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
LAURISTON W. CARLE	Mar. 21, 1921	Jan. 29, 1961
EDWARD W. ROBBINS	Mar. 6, 1914	Mar. 15, 1961
WALTER E. WENTWORTH	Nov. 22, 1921	Apr. 11, 1961
RALPH H. DEARBORN	Oct. 14, 1919	Aug. 31, 1961

Jan. 10, 1962.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald

y, April 30, 1962

Dr. John Armstrong Biddeford Dentist Dies At His Home

SACO — Dr. John Lawrence Armstrong, 62, of 63 North St., died suddenly Saturday night at his home.

He was born in Biddeford, Dec. 28, 1899, son of George E. and Katherine Callahan Armstrong.

He was educated in Saco schools and was graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1926. He had practiced dentistry in Biddeford since that time.

He was a member of the York County Dental Society, Maine Dental Society, New England Dental Society, and the American Dental Association.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Vinton Armstrong, and a brother, Daniel of Saco. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at 365 Main St., Saco.

Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

2 Biddeford-Saco Journal

nal, Tuesday, May 8, 1962

Anne E. Ross

Mrs. Anne E. Ross, 75, widow of Roy Ross and resident of 130 Elm street, Saco, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital.

Born in Biddeford April 10, 1887, daughter of William and Margaret (Coughlin) Twomey, she was a member of the Biddeford-Saco Community Service club and a communicant of Most Holy Trinity church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Harold Whelan, Plaistow, N. H., Mrs. Clinton Shaw, Biddeford, and Mrs. William Johnston, Goodwins Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Michael Mogan, Biddeford, and Mrs. Michael Dunlea, Westbrook; six grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 8 a.m. from Most Holy Trinity church and burial will be in Laurel hill cemetery. Friends may call today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

MARCH 19, 1953

Atty. D. P. Allen Opens Law Office



Atty. Donald P. Allen

2 Biddeford-Saco Journal, Thursday, Nov. 9, 1953

Monday, August 20, 1962

Edwin Weymouth

Edwin Knox Weymouth, 71, retired grocer and resident of 205 Beach street, Saco, died Sunday in a Biddeford hospital. Until retiring from business 20 years ago, he owned and operated a grocery store on Main street, Saco.

Born October 6, 1890, son of Frank E. and Elizabeth (Mahoney) Weymouth, Saco, he was educated in the town schools and graduated from Thornton academy. He was a member of Saco lodge, F and AM, and a 50-year member of Saco lodge of Odd Fellows.

Survivors include his widow, Florence (Dolby) Weymouth; a sister, Mrs. Edward Hyde, Portland and Biddeford Pool; and a nephew of John Sawyer Hyde, Framingham, Mass.

Private funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from his late home and burial will be in Laurel hill cemetery.

Friends may call at Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, from 2-4 and 7-9 p. m. tomorrow.

James W. Burns

James William Burns, 69 Herring avenue, died early today in a hospital following a long illness.

Born in Portland, Nov. 30, 1872, he was the son of John and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Burns. A graduate of Biddeford school, he was employed in Saco-Lowell shops for years prior to retirement on ill health. Earlier he was engaged in the contracting business in Omaha, Neb., and with the Biddeford Saco company.

At the time of his death he was a member and chairman of the Dunlop lodge, AM, also a member of chapter, Order of the Star, and the Second National (White) church, Biddeford.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Burns. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be in Evergreen cemetery, Biddeford.

Cyclists Included Noted Men

The members of the famous York County Wheelmen of 1885, who were known as "veterans" and "pleased to receive visitors at their club rooms on Main street in Biddeford," numbered many prominent men of the community.

The club rolls listed family names that are still appearing on the pages of the Biddeford-Saco Journal today as their descendants participate in the activities of the community also. According to a club roster of the 19th century, members of the association included R. A. Fairfield, E. C. Jones, Herbert W. Ayer, Walter Ayer, L. J. Lewis, Arthur W. Andrews, Sidney J. Staples, C. F. Rogers, P. J. Paraday, G. Frank Teasdale, Frank G. Leavitt, Charles L. Milliken, N. D. Colburn, J. Vaughan Dunsell, Joseph W. Fred P. Abbott, Joseph Paul, C. L. Bachelder, George S. McArthur, H. D. Evans, Fred S. Sawyer, George M. Leavitt, Charles M. Durrell, George R. Ayer, Will R. Cutler, William A. Gibson, Dr. R. D. Milliken, S. L. Parker, W. S. Mitchell, Harry P. Lane and Frank C. Deering.

Here, too, were the names of Harry C. Quinby, A. L. T. Cummings, J. E. Etchells, Frank M. Means, James H. Fenderson, Albert B. Sheehan, E. E. Chadbourne, W. W. McIntyre, W. H. Dean, Thomas Paraday, A. J. Fenderson, Charles H. Innes, G. D. Buck, J. G. Lawrence, J. B. Cobb, Harry W. Libby, R. H. Merrow, W. F. Goodwin, A. H. Backman, Benjamin F. Cleaves, John F. Deans, Howard M. Jones, Dr. Harold Emmons, Henry A. Service, T. L. Evans, Harry P. Chadbourne, Walter H. Baynton, William E. Shaw, Dr. J. Frank Trull, Fred B. Cobb, Ralph H. Burbank and Will H. Bryant.

Also attending the meetings and functions of the group in 1885 and honored at memorial services when the society held a reunion in 1913, at Danston, were R. T. Bardsley, A. S. Bradford, Harry Clark, F. L. Dearborn, Gay Dearborn, Charles H. Cobb, Harry Jose, Ames Lane, D. M. Monahan, H. W. Roberts, A. B. Servey, Walter Shute, Harold Wainwood, Frederick Yates, Walter S. Noyes, Joe Noyes, Len Kigore, William W. Burnham, Fred L. Truc, Percy Newcomb and James L. Dennett.

Other members of the club who moved away later but kept in touch with the group were John F. Burnham, who wrote from Birmingham, Ala.; Francis L. Winch, Worcester, Mass.; Nathaniel Adams, Boston; Ralph E. Gregory, Gibson, N. B.; Raymond Smith, Medford, Mass.; Arthur S. Newcomb, Southern Pines, N. C.; Dr. Charles Burroughs, Malden, Mass.; W. P. Howard, Boston, Mass.; Fred H. Deering, St. John, N. B.; John L. Heines, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frank L. Burbank, Montpelier, Vt.; Ralph E. W. Milliken, West Somerville, Mass.; and Frank S. Maxey, Gardner.

These wheelmen knew the rough routes to Biddeford and recommended side-runs, too. For

instance, it would be worth a wheelman's trip to pedal the five miles to Saco Ferry where a summer-house of the York County group was located or go down on the Biddeford side of the Saco river to Hills Beach and then take the ferry across to the society's summer house.

A longer side-run, from Biddeford to Sebago lake, was a 22-mile trip and the traveler left Saco via North street for this bit of wheeling. A shorter run of six miles was also recommended to the village of Goodwins Mills.

The cyclist had his choice of three trips averaging 10 miles to beaches and summer resorts in this area. The three included side runs to Kennebunkport, Goose Rocks or Fortunes Rocks. The York county group could also brief the local or the state traveler on the Biddeford to Portland roads.

How far was the recorded distance between the two centers in 1885? The cyclometer distance will be given later, next in this series.

Wednesday, April 1, 1959

CARL PARCHER

Funeral services for Carl Parcher, a former Saco and Bay View resident, will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m. from the Denz and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. He died in St. Petersburg, Fla., this winter while on a vacation there. He was 72 years old.

Officiating Friday will be Rev. Birger Johnson of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, where the Parcher family worshipped. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

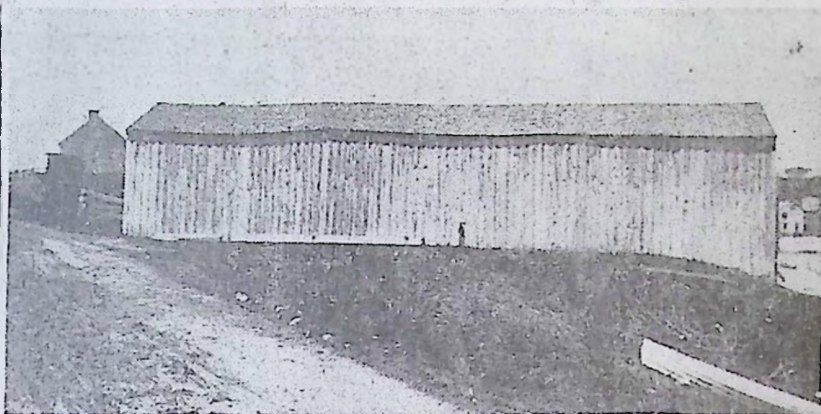
Born in Saco, the son of the late Sumner C. and Ida S. Parcher, he was educated in the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton academy in 1895. Then he attended Burdett business college in Boston, Mass. For many years he was employed in the investment and stock brokerage field.

In 1897 he was married to Miss Reta Proctor of Melrose, Mass., and Saco. She died in 1942 and in 1946 he married Bertha L. Manbeck, Washington, D. C.

He was a charter member of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club and was a past secretary of the club. His recent office was chairman of the Fellowship committee of the group. He was also a member of the board of directors of Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bertha Parcher, Bay View; a son, Clifford P. Parcher, Sharon, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Lucia P. Dow, Cambridge, Mass.; two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Bowdoin Boat Club Boathouse

This is a rare photo of the first boathouse owned by the Bowdoin Boat Club, built in about 1870 by students. It stood on the bank of the Androscoggin River, opposite a point near the present Riverview Home for the Aged on Water street. In 1880 a

new boathouse was built near the Maine Central Railroad bridge. In those days Bowdoin supported a crew. (From a collection of Arthur T. Parker, Bowdoin Class of '76, given the college by his son, David T. Parker, '08, East Orleans, Mass.)

8 Biddeford, Me., Journal, Monday, October 6, 1958

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Summer At Peaks

The Gem Theater, left, and the Peaks Island House were popular spots when this postcard was made in

1905. Both buildings burned. (Submitted by John C. Poland, Camden)

Monday, October 5, 1959

Rites Tuesday For James A. Adams

James Albert Adams, 63, chief deputy sheriff of Cumberland county and a former State Police officer, will be buried in private funeral services tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Shumway Funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco. A resident of Libby street, Scarborough, he died Saturday in a Portland hospital after a long illness.

Born in Saco, the son of William and Agnes (Simpson) Adams he attended the Saco schools and graduated from Thornton Academy in 1916. While at the academy he was captain of the football team during his junior and senior years.

He served as a law enforcement officer with the State Police force over 27 years, retiring with the rank of captain. He had been the chief deputy sheriff of Cumberland county for 12 years.

He had made Scarborough his home for nine years and prior to that lived in South Portland for 17 years. He belonged to the First Congregational church, Meeting House Hill, South Portland; to the Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; to Saco Lodge, F. and A. M.; York Chapter and Bradford Commandery. He was a member of the Sheriff's association and the Maine Law Enforcement association.

Survivors include his widow, Bertha Kinney Adams; two sons, James A., Jr., of Randolph, and Fred W. of Portland; three brothers, John Adams, Old Orchard Beach, Robert of Saco, and David of Northampton, N. H.; five grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces.

Friends may call today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. at the Shumway Funeral home, Saco.

I, Tuesday, July 14, 1959

Orran C. Libby

Orran C. Libby, 85, former superintendent of Greenwood cemetery, died early today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Merle Cole, Vassalboro, after a long illness. He resided on Elm street, Biddeford, until he left five years ago to make his home in Vassalboro.

He was born in Biddeford, son of Daniel and Isabel (Dennett) Libby, and was educated in the local schools. He was employed by the Greenwood Cemetery association for over 50 years and was grounds superintendent for many years before his retirement.

He was a member of Laconia lodge, IOOE, and York Encampment and Canton.

Survivors include Mrs. Cole; two sons, Orran D. Libby, Bridgewater, Mass., and Raymond Libby, Florida; nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and two nieces.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Norman Langmaid, pastor of the School street Methodist church of Saco, will officiate. Burial will be in the Greenwood cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Portland (Me.) Sunday Telegram, June 27, 1954

Recollections of Maine's Past



It seems like ancient history to the younger generation but horse-drawn trolley cars are still vivid in the memories of many natives of the Greater Portland area. Chartered in 1860 the horse-drawn, 20-passenger pony cars dominated the transportation field until Oct. 17, 1892, when electric power finally replaced horse power. According to Mrs. Raymond E. Wescott of 4 Kendall St.,

who submitted this picture of one of the cars passing through Monument Square, the horse-drawn trolley carried a total of 27,679 passengers during the first 10 days of operation. The cars were equipped with runners for winter travel. By 1874, according to Mrs. Wescott, the Portland Railroad Co., had 6¼ miles of track with 10 cars and 82 horses.



THE YORK COUNTY WHEELMEN,
Biddeford, Maine

Second Annual 4th of July Celebration
and Race Meet.
Biddeford and Saco, Maine.

If not called for in five days please return.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 1952

Way Back When - In Biddeford



Washington, here we come! Here is the 1910 Senior class of Biddeford High school just before it left on the class trip to Washington, D. C. This was the second class to go to the Capital city. Members include, first row, left to right, Eddie Harvey, John Hackett, James Flood, Leo Jones, Ethel Murphy (Tousignant), Agnes Donahue, Addie Hill (Watson). Second row, same order, Mark Polackwich, Maurice O'Connor, Paul Monohon, Edwina Litchfield (Fox), Marion Murphy (Savage), Angie Hill (Yates), Marion Dearborn (Chappell). Third row, usual order, Leon Fields, Ralph Gove, Mrs. Susan Picer, chaperone, Grace Hain (Smith), Nellie Piper (Norwood), Helene Dearborn (Chellis). Fourth row, usual order, Arthur Cowan, chaperone, Joseph Libby, Kenneth Robinson, Maude Sullivan (Leavitt), Dorothy Scott (Atkinson), Madeline Pillsbury, Helene Chadbourne (Evans), Hortense Staples (Whelan).

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Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the York County Wheelmen will be held at the Club Rooms, at 8 o'clock p. m.,

189.

Business to be transacted.

Your attendance is earnestly requested.

A. W. ANDREWS,
Secretary or Clerk.

al, Thursday, July 30, 1959

Cora K. Stillman

Mrs. Cora K. Stillman, 76, resident of 187 North street, Saco, widow of Lewis B. Stillman, died yesterday morning in a Biddeford hospital.

She was born in Saco, August 11, the daughter of Melville and Georgianna (Cutts) Kelley and attended Saco primary schools. She graduated from Gray's Business college, Portland, was a member of the Saco United Baptist church, and a former member of directors of Wardwell home.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Edwin E. Smith, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Warren Livingston DuBois, Pipersville, Pa., and Mrs. Harry L. Jones, Newton Center, Mass.; three nieces, Mrs. Lauriston Ward, Jr., Wellesley Hills, Mass., Mrs. Frederick Tolles, Swarthmore, Pa., and Mrs. Alfred Henderson, Boston, Mass.; two nephews, Edwin E. Smith, Jr., Kansas City, and L. DuBois, South Dakota, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from her late home with Rev. William McIlhenny of First Baptist church, Portland, officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Dennett and Craig funeral home, 363 Main street, Saco.

nal, Friday, Dec. 26, 1958

GEORGE F. ALBRECHT

Funeral services for George F. Albrecht, retired chief draftsman of the Saco Lowell shops, were held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco.

Rev. Birger Johnson, pastor of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, officiated and burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Bearers were Ivory Towle, Thomas Hooper, Owen Sanborn and Dennis Dineen.

al, Monday, Sept. 21, 1959

I Briefs

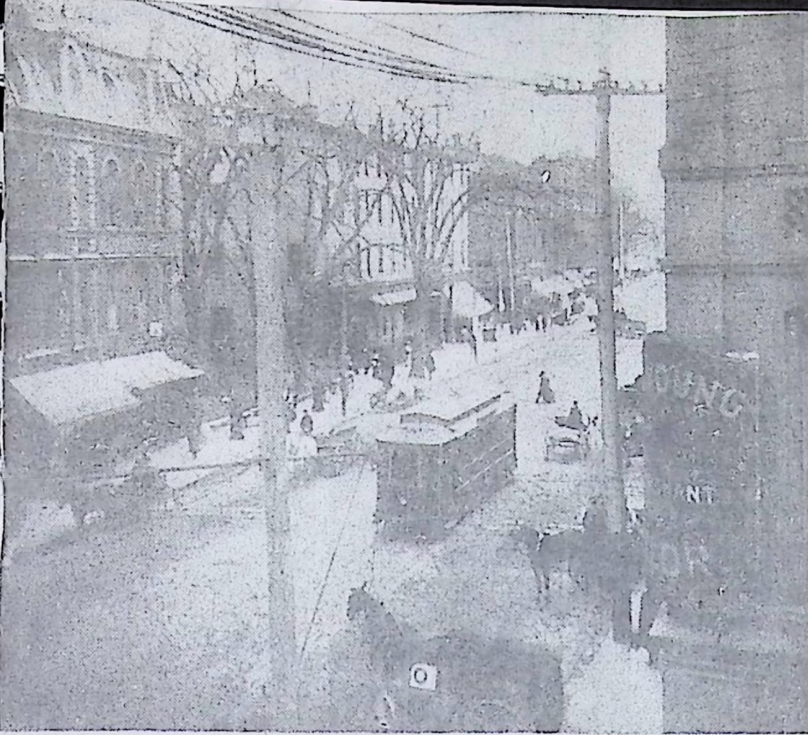
Mrs. Martha Bean

Mrs. Martha A. Bean, 95, resident of 43 Middle street, Saco, died this morning after a short illness.

She was the widow of Rev. Leroy S. Bean, minister at one time of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, of which Mrs. Bean was a member.

She was born in Hapley, P. Q., the daughter of Cyrus and Martha (Stewart) Worthen, and was a practical nurse for several years. She is survived by several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m.



Congress Street In The 1900's

Looking toward Monument square from Brown street in the 1900's. At the right the sign of Leonard C. Young, who operated a tailor shop at Brown and Congress streets more than 30 years. Eastman Brothers & Bancroft dry goods store was on the first floor. Across Congress street were Lane Brothers' shoe store, Charles W. Cordes' Vienna Cafe (which advertised having a telephone connection), the Democratic City Committee office, and Dr. Cecil P. Brown, a dentist, upstairs. Next visible

down Congress street is the Preble House, a hotel with a separate ladies' entrance. T. F. Foss & Sons furniture store, also with a telephone, occupied the ground floor of the hotel at Preble street. On the other corner of Preble street was the Portland Theater. Cordes operated his Vienna Cafe at 487½ Congress street from 1901 to 1903 and again from 1906 to 1910. Portland Savings Bank opened its branch there in 1906. Now its main bank is the only business still there. (From the collection of W. R. Ingalls)



CELEBRATING his 90th birthday yesterday by holding an open house attended by a host of friends and entertaining at a dinner party was Arthur W. Andrews, 79 Middle street, Saco. Andrews has lived in Saco most of his life. He was a member of the York County Wheelmans club, is active in Masonic circles and is a 30-year member of Mystic Shrine. He is the grandson of Seleucus Adams, an early dry goods merchant in Biddeford. Andrews, keen and alert, received many gifts and among those from out-of-town attending his dinner party were Mrs. Gertrude Wilson and daughter, Martha, Kittery; Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkham, Weston, Mass.; George Guibord, Salem, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pollard and family, Kingston, N. H.; and Miss Reba Jose, Dorchester, Mass.

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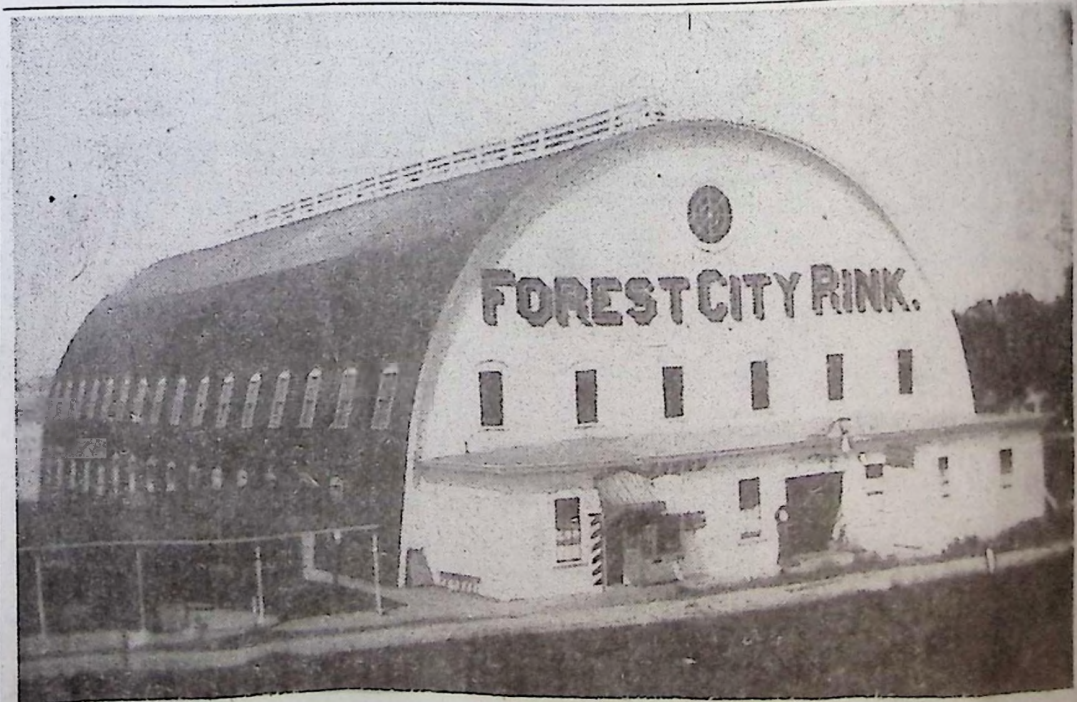
Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Native Of Saco, Dies At 74

Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers, 74, of Lowell, Mass., and a summer resident of Bay View, Saco, died Saturday at a Boston hospital from a heart attack induced by pneumonia.

Mrs. Rogers was the first woman congressman elected from New England. Born in Saco, Mrs. Rogers entered Congress at the age of 44, succeeding her husband, John Jacob Rogers, who died in 1925 during his sixth term as a congressman.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 from St. Ann's Episcopal church, Lowell. Mrs. Rogers' body will lie in state at St. Ann's church from noon until 9 p. m., today and tomorrow. Burial will be in Lowell cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers was instrumental in drafting the "GI Bill of Rights" and introduced the bill that created the Women's Army Corps.



Way Back When -- In Biddeford



This old-time shot is a picture of the Biddeford High School graduating class of 1913, and friends, as they posed on the Capitol steps on the annual Washington, D. C., trip. They are, left to right, first row: J. Charles Seidel, Irene Haley Stride, Alfreda Pellerin, Archie Roberts, submaster; Theresa Doyle LaFountain, Nellie Cleary Murphy, Alice Curtis (deceased), Harold Duffy. Second row, same order: Marie Chretien Girouard, Fred Jones, Mildred Bugbee Alexander (deceased), Esther Twomey (deceased), and Harriet Wingate Gaptill. Third row, William Ross (de-

ceased), Rebecca Dolliff, Josephine Hill Grace, Marion Ayer, Catherine Curtis (deceased); Elizabeth Maxwell, Charles Wingate, Bessie Hickey Flanagan, Albert Ricker, Meriila Graves Etchells, J. Burton Stride, and Dora Polakewich. Fourth row: Gladys Wilbur Chace (deceased), Miriam Flood Thomas, Miss — Hood, Edward Cosgrove, Warren Stinson (deceased), Paul Cobb, Earle Cole (deceased), and Daniel Libby. Last row: Albert Cartier, Abe Polakewich (deceased), and Isaac Polakewich. The picture was given to the library by King Woodman.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Looking Back

Roller Skating Craze Brief But Hectic Here

By JIM DONALD

If the building pictured above looks familiar to Portlanders, particularly Peaks Islanders, then the probable guesses are correct. It is the old "Gem" Theater, which burned in September, 1934.

The picture came from an old glass negative owned by former City Councillor Herman B. Libby, whose father photographed the building during the 1880's when roller skating was the big craze and big, barn-like buildings like the Forest City Rink were going up all over the country.

There were two rinks in the area: the old Bijou, on Federal street, near Pearl, and the Forest City. The Peaks Island rink, built at a time when the Island was experiencing its first, big summer tourist influx, was the more popular of the two.

ROLLER SKATERS MOBBED the building during the summer months, gliding blissfully over the fine, smooth hardwood floor, while those who came to see, watched the big crowds from large galleries over the floor. The big hall was decorated with gay bunting and Japanese lanterns.

At night, illumination was provided by kerosene lamps, for electricity was only then becoming more universally used for lighting. Skating parties were the rage, with mas-

querades a weekly event at Forest City. An orchestra played waltzes for both afternoon and evening sessions.

Roller polo, ice hockey on wheels, became the favorite winter sport when teams from Portland (Bijous), Hallowell (Granite City), Lewiston (WHT's), Bath (Alamedas), Biddeford and Deering formed a state championship league.

Competition was hard and became more so when the newspapers in Portland "roasted" other teams for their rough play, and papers in other towns and cities printed "counter roasts" against the Portland Bijous. Special trains were chartered from Portland to Bath so that "cranks" could see the Bijous-Alamedas contests, and Portland went wild whenever its team beat the Alamedas, who captured the state crown twice in a row.

The Summer League was even more popular. Twenty-five hundred enthusiasts, a record-shattering group for that era, saw the Forest City team beat Old Orchard Beach, 3 to 2, to win the league title in 1885.

SURPRISINGLY, THE ROLLER skating craze didn't last long. It lasted from 1880 to 1886, revived briefly just before the turn of the century and again in the 1920's. Dr. Robert C. Christopher of South Portland brought back roller polo briefly in 1953 and 1959.

From time to time, Maine has had speed champions on rollers, like Billy O'Brien and Billy Canning, both of Portland in 1905, Forrest Hamilton of Portland in the 20's, Ken Irons and Barney Trask of Lewiston in the 30's. From 1907 to 1911, Clarence Hamilton of Bath was the recognized world speed champion, and set world marks in the mile, two mile and three mile events.

Admittedly, many people, young and old, still roller skate in Maine, but rinks are scattered and, with the exception of the Central Maine Youth Center, much smaller than those used in the '80's.

Maine History Revealed By Postal Collection

By LARRY COLTON

Wiscasset once had the second largest post office in Maine... the fourth largest was located at what is now the Washington County town of Robbinston.

Authority is Paul E. Hanneman, whose Brewer residence houses a vast collection of data about Maine postal activity dating back more than a century and a half.

For instance, Hanneman's "semi-official" postal map of 1796 (when Maine was a district of Massachusetts) offers these:

Bangor and Lewiston were officially non-existent. Major communities were Waterboro. New Gloucester, Monmouth, Norridgewock, Greene (then spelled Green), Prospect and Sullivan, to mention a few. Waterville was Winslow while Winslow was Ft. Halifax. There were only four counties. Cumberland embraced all of Western Maine; Lincoln, West Central Maine; Hancock, East Central Maine, and Washington, Eastern Maine.

Hanneman's assortment of letters postmarked at or near the turn of the century reveal:

What is now Winterport was then Frankfort (the latter was known as Frankfort Mills); Lincoln was then Mattanawcook; Rockport was Goose River; Milford was Sunkhaze.

Lincolntonville was known as Duck Trap; Lubec was Passamaquoddy; Cherryfield was Narraguagus; Bucksport was Buckstown Bar Harbor was Eden.

Unincorporated Ellsworth was little more than a main road post office site designed to serve the incorporated town of Trenton. Wiscasset had just been renamed after being known for years as Pownalborough.

Hanneman, retired boiler inspector, has spent 18 years compiling what he believes is documentary proof that some of the state's early history is "geographically confusing and misleading".

Tax Lists

His data includes town tax lists dating to pre-Revolutionary days, and virtually complete records of early

Maine post offices, as well as postmarked letters, postal maps and mail itineraries.

"I've spent years looking up records," he says, "and I feel they're official. The old letters have unlimited information about the state's early history. And they reflect the way of life of that time—religion, medicine, cultural influences, education and others."

Robbinston is a story in itself. Officially, the name of the community in 1796 was Schoodic, but it was known the length and breadth of Maine as Brewers, the name of the postmaster.

"Postmasters were important people in the late 18th century," Hanneman notes. "They were usually lawyers, innkeepers or shop owners and the fact that they were generally important financially made them important politically."

The point shown on the map as Brewers was a major post office mainly because of the heavy volume of Canadian mail and the fact that it was the eastern tip of a mail route which ended at Portland. It took couriers two weeks and two days to cover the Brewers-Portland run, according to Hanneman's schedules.

His collection of tax lists, dating back to 1692, points up the cost of the Revolution. He cites records pertaining to the town of York. Its taxes rose from a total of 403¢ in 1775 to the staggering sum of 69,800¢ in 1779. By 1784 they had dropped back to normal.

Skowhegan Records

Hanneman feels that his records of postal establishments offer a little known insight into the history of Skowhegan. His 1796 map lists the distance from Canaan (of which Skowhegan was a part) and Norridgewock as 10 miles. (The distance from present-day Canaan to Norridgewock is about 14.)

The reason was that the first Canaan post office was located at Weston Island, some distance east of what is now Skowhegan.

In 1811 the post office was moved to a site near Skowhegan Falls. When the industrial section of Canaan (now the south side of Skowhegan) became the town of Bloomfield, it acquired the Skowhegan Falls post office. This led to the opening of the third Canaan post office in 1815 at a point in what is now the north side of Skowhegan.

Canaan post office No. 4 was established in 1824 at what is now the village of Canaan (then East Canaan).

"I have letters that show the squabbles between factions of the town of Canaan over the location of their post office," says Hanneman.

Less colorful but probably just as confusing is the early postal history of Berwick. The first post office was at South Berwick.

At the time (1796) North Berwick was known on the postal map as Doughty Falls. When Berwick post office No. 1 became South Berwick, Doughty Falls became Berwick post office No. 2. This became North Berwick in 1832 and it was not until 1870 that the present Berwick post office (No. 3) came into existence.

Oldtime Boosters

Early 19th century Maine was not without its community boosters. An eloquent letter from one L. S. Tripp proclaims the virtues of Eden (Bar Harbor) in glowing terms for the benefit of Philip M. Stubbs, a Strong attorney. The letter is one of Hanne-



Collector Paul Hanneman points out Hallowell Court is now Augusta, on 1796 postal map of Maine.

man's prized possessions.

The town of Bowdoinham can claim one postal distinction. Before Maine became a state Bowdoinham's postmark was the only one using the proper designation of DM (District of Maine).

Hanneman recalls that he began to delve into this unusual part of Maine's history because he was fascinated by what he noticed in his on-the-job travel.

"I wondered about the stories behind the old cemeteries, mills, dams and walls," he says. "Old letters and postal maps have provided documentary information."

His research continues as a "labor of love" and he hopes to make it available to the National Archives at Washington.

Whereas today reference to "Down East" is generally made in connection with Washington and Hancock Counties, all State of Mainers thought of themselves as Downeasters in the early 1800's. Hanneman possesses letters postmarked East Knox, Norridgewock and Temple to prove the point.

Come to think of it, the most authentic Downeasters of all, according to Hanneman's records, are the residents of the Penobscot County town of LaGrange. From 1829 to 1833 their post office was known as Down East.

Biddeford-Saco Journal,

Tuesday, August 6, 1963

GRACE M. LAMSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Grace May Lamson of 69 Middle St., Saco, mother of Miss Dorothy Lamson, was held at 2 p. m. Monday from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Weimer of First Parish Congregational Church, Saco officiating. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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Biddeford-Saco Journal,

Saturday, August 3, 1963

Grace M. Lamson

Mrs. Grace May Lamson, 69, resident of 69 Middle St., Saco, died last night at her home. Born Dec. 23, 1897, in Portland, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Townsend) Bennett. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Dorothy Lamson, Saco. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Monday from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Mae G. Miller

Mrs. Mae G. Miller, widow of Albert (Allen) H. Miller who was a Journal reporter for many years, died last night at her home in Saco after a long illness.

She was born in Portland, daughter of William and Frances (Toole) Gould, and graduated from the Maine Central Institute.

She attended the School Street Methodist church, Saco.

Survivors include a son, Clinton H. Miller, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Iva Gould, Saco; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 305 Main street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow from 5 to 9 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1961

DR. LAURA MURPHY

Funeral services were held Sunday from the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, for Dr. Laura (Black) Murphy, first woman city physician of Saco and one of Maine's first women physicians.

Delegations present included members of the Maine Medical Association, administrative officers and nursing staff from the Trull hospital, which she founded and operated; representatives from the Trull Hospital Aid, which had turned her an honorary member several years ago; and from Hybeche's literary chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Seated in a special section were 40 uniformed nurses.

Officiating at the rites were Dr. Harry Anderson, pastor of the Saco church, and Rev. Dr. H. Lewis Carter of the Biddeford Second Congregational church.

Arrangements were handled by Dennett and Craig funeral home and bearers included Verne Black, James Black, Robert Pike, Thomas Fildes, John H. Cleary and John W. Cleary.

Burial was in Riverside cemetery, Cornish.

New Motel May Be Built On Site Of Columbia

Permit Granted To Raze Hotel

By HAROLD J. BOYLE
Financial Editor

The Columbia Hotel has been granted a permit to raze its property extending from 643 to 653 Congress St.

It may be replaced by a modern 50 to 70-unit motel.

"There will be no present change in the operation of the Columbia," Pres. Dana R. Bowker said Thursday.

Bowker referred all inquiries on the development to Walter J. Vreeland Jr., of Profit Consultants Inc., New York business consultants. Vreeland's firm was employed by Bowker two weeks ago.

Speaking from New York, Vreeland stressed that the proposed demolition of the Columbia is in favor of the modern motel is "in the future."

Plans are entirely in the preliminary stage at this time," Vreeland said.

"We have a permit to raze the buildings and we are drawing up blueprints for the proposed motel. Besides facilities for 50 to 70 guests, it will offer dining and banquet facilities. But there are no immediate plans for changing the operation of the Columbia at this time."

Vreeland said that present plans do not include the nearby Maine Theater and the modern row of retail establishments, including Soule's Candy Kitchen. These are not owned by Columbia.

Vreeland's statement confirmed in part reports that Bowker was planning a major development on the Columbia site.

THE CITY BUILDING inspection department revealed Thursday that the permit to demolish the Columbia was taken out by the Benjamin



Demolition Permit Granted

A permit to demolish the Columbia Hotel, 643-653 Congress St., has been granted by the city. The prop-

erty built in 1901 may be replaced by a 50 to 70-unit motel. (By Staff Photographer Olson)

Wrecking Co. Permits of that kind are good for three months, the department pointed out.

At the same time, the city assessors' department noted that the city will not tax any buildings for which demolition permits are taken out at this time provided they are razed by July 1 or Aug. 1. But it will

be necessary to do a little preliminary razing in the form of removing windows or doors on or before April 1, the department pointed out.

Neither Bowker nor Vreeland would make any estimate of the proposed cost of razing the buildings and replacing

The Columbia, a five-story structure with 125 rooms, was built in 1901. In addition to the hotel, tenants on the Congress Street front include the Columbia Barber Shop, Jones Book Store and the Beacon Way, a textile concern. WLOB-Radio occupies quarters on the second floor.

APRIL 29, 1960

Vaunie I. French

Mrs. Vaunie Idris French, 50, widow of Henry J. French and a resident of 35 School street, Saco, died at a Biddeford hospital Thursday evening.

Born in Bradford, daughter of Charles and Alfreda (Thomas) Hall, she was educated in the Bradford schools.

A resident of Saco for over 40 years, she belonged to the First Parish Congregational church and the E. and I. Union. She was one of the oldest members of Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Miss Beth French, and a son, Paul French, both of Saco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call tonight from 7 to 9.

Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery, Guilford.

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Thursday, March 30, 1961

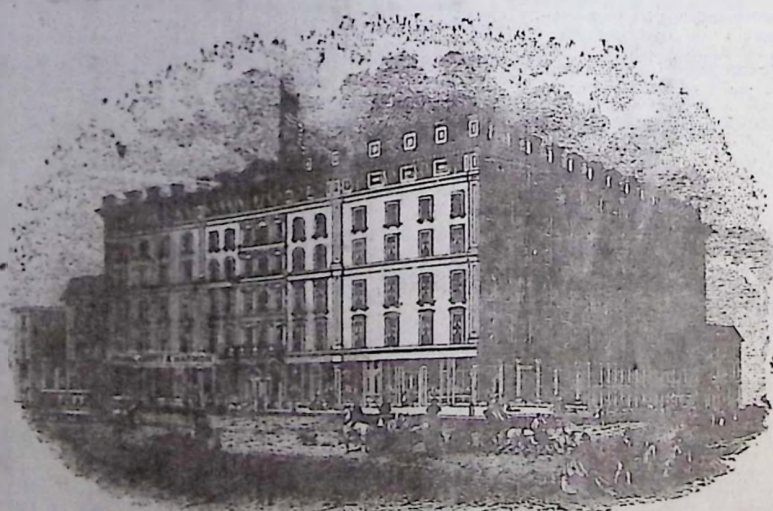
Isabelle Hieserick

Mrs. Isabelle (Bryant) Hieserick, 65, Fortunes Rocks, widow of Dr. John H. Hieserick, died last night at a local hospital. She was born in Biddeford, September 27, 1875, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Bryant.

She was a member and past matron of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and an attendant of the Biddeford Second Congregational church.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ethel Libby, Kennebunk, and several nieces, including Mrs. Thomas Genthner, York.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.



Loring Short & Harmon In 1868

Old Saco Newspaper Told Of Elections And Murders

What had pulses stirring and men betting on the outcome in 1888 in America?

Two topics according to news items in a Saco paper, the Sunday Breakfast Talk, dated October 20 that year and owned by an Old Orchard Beach collector, Edwin Dixon: the presidential campaign being waged by Harrison of Indiana and the sensational murder case of Lilla Hoyle with the missing witnesses and attempted bribery of one of these witnesses, Mrs. Roche.

Unknowningly, the voting in Maine that year was to produce the Republican slogan coined by the Harrison supporters, As Maine Goes, So Goes The Nation, a phrase that was to become a national slogan and by-word among politicians for many years. It was used as an aftermath of the campaign when Harrison won his victory and referred to the fact that state elections in Maine were held weeks before national elections and were used as gauges for predicting the results in national balloting.

That Harrison was the favorite and in the lead on October 20 with a "good outlook" was reported to readers in the columns of the Saco weekly paper thus: "The elections in Oregon, Vermont, and this state (Maine), are having their influence all along the line. Even the Democrats admit that Harrison has a decided advantage over Cleveland in this campaign."

"Harrison knows how to use good American language, to help his cause; his speeches are well timed, eloquently expressed and abound in common sense and they inspire the Republicans wherever heard or read," the article stated.

"Talks Plain English"

An even stronger opinion was voiced in the article when it was claimed that "Harrison talks in clear plain English, and the boy casting his first vote can understand the meaning as well as the oldest politician."

The early predictions of the Sunday Breakfast Talk proved correct and Benjamin Harrison rode into fame and the presidency with an electoral vote of 233 to 160 on November 6, just 17 days after the printing of the article in the Saco paper.

For years after the Harrison victory, every presidential nominee watched Maine avidly for first election returns and the wary repeated again and again was "As Maine Goes, So Goes The Nation," a direct result of the 1888 political race.

The Saco paper also carried a sensational piece of news about the murder case—"She is found—the absentee witness in the Lilly Hoyle case." Biddeford and Saco readers were aghast at the latest development in the case and eagerly read the story told by Mrs. Roche of her attempted bribery by the McQuaid family, her disappearance from Webster where the crime took place, and her residence in Providence, R.I. where she was discovered by the authorities. The vivid account of Mrs. Roche's part in the lurid murder case proved that interest in such news was as keen in

1881 as in such stories as are covered in the news columns of papers in this era.

Four Well-Filled Pages

The four-page paper also carried state news, local personal items, chronological news briefs, sports items, and a full schedule of train arrivals and departures on the Boston and Maine railroad lines. The Boston market and live stock reports were carried in full and advertisements ranged from Biddeford and Saco merchants, drug stores and banks, through Portland and out of state firms.

Strangely enough, the Atkinson House Furnishing Company advertisement of 1883 stated that the firm had its headquarters in Portland, and branches in Biddeford, Bangor, Rockland, and Auburn. General manager then was Isaac C. Atkinson.

The paper was published Saturday evenings by Noyes Publishing company at their Saco office on Main and Water streets. It cost three cents per issue or 1.75 per year, paid in advance, when delivered by a carrier, or \$1.50 per year, also paid in advance, if delivered by mail. The editor and manager, William S. Noyes, claimed the Sunday Breakfast Talk was the only paper published in the city and had the largest circulation of any paper in Saco.

A quizzical column about the Saco paper and its competitors was entitled General Opinions and contained the following items.

"Why is the Sunday Breakfast Talks like a bride? Because it appears with flattering prospects and in a new dress."

"Why is the Biddeford Standard like a lady of the period? Because its dress is new and it keeps ahead of the times."

"Why is the Biddeford Journal like a lady of wealth and refinement? Because it makes no boasts and always appears in a dress suitable for the occasion."

"Why is the Biddeford Times like an old maid? Because it thinks all new fangled notions are foolish and expensive and that an old dress looks better than a new one."

And the final column item.

"Why is Watson's Illuminator like Queen Victoria? Because it is wished a long and prosperous life, to make people happy."

In addition to the Sunday Breakfast Talk paper, Dixon also has a copy of the special trade edition of the Biddeford Daily Journal of 1899 which will be reviewed in the next article in this series.

erald, Thursday, Dec. 21, 1961

Prof. Robinson, Dartmouth, Dies

HANOVER, N. H. — Kenneth A. Robinson, 70, professor-emeritus of English at Dartmouth College, died here Wednesday after a long illness. He was a Maine native.

He was an authority on 20th century American fiction and drama and an editor of two books, "Essays Toward Truth,"



VIEWING A PICTURE of Sarah Fairfield Hamilton, founder of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, at Hamilton memorial hall as preparations are made to celebrate the golden anniversary March 23 at a dessert bridge are Mrs. George S. Allen, seated, 46-year member and only senior member of the living Past Presidents group, and Mrs. Alvin R. Tetley, standing, a newcomer representing the incoming members of the club. Story on page 10.

and "Contemporary Short Stories." He had also written articles, short stories and poems for the New Yorker, Saturday Evening Post, Scribner's and other magazines.

He was born in Biddeford, Maine, a son of John W. Robinson editor of the Biddeford Record. He received his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in 1914 and his master's degree from Harvard in 1916. He joined the Dartmouth faculty in 1917 and retired in 1959.

AFTER RETIREMENT he was named by the Whitney visiting professors program of the John Hay Whitney Foundation to teach at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., for one year. This program was designed to honor retired college professors who had made important contributions to education and to strengthen teaching of the humanities in small, independent liberal-arts colleges throughout the country.

He married the former Jean S. Lambuth, daughter of the late Dartmouth Prof. and Mrs. David Lambuth, in 1924. She survives him.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association of University Professors, the Players' Club of New York and the Modern Language Association.

For much of his tenure at Dartmouth, Prof. Robinson was regarded as the most popular lecturer in the college. His lecture course in "Modern American Fiction and Drama" often enrolled 350 to 400 students.

SEVERAL OF HIS classroom lectures became so well-known among undergraduates that they were anticipated each year. Notable among these were "Little Red Schoolhouse," his reminiscences about the early days of the American Theater, and "The American Dream," his analysis of the development of American thought.

The Dartmouth, daily student newspaper, in their oft-cited guide to courses, once said of him: "He talks faster and more colorfully than anyone in the college . . . And embroiders out-of-the-way facts in intriguing patterns. He manages to get underneath a lot of basic realizations, even while he is being kaleidoscopic

and witty. This . . . makes the lecture . . . make the moment huge and the regular."

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Friday, Nov. 17, 1961

Edna A. Deering

Miss Edna A. Deering, native and retired, died early today in a hospital. She had been at 96 Beach street, Saco, returning to Saco from

Born October 4, 1869, of John M. and Emma Deering, she was educated in Saco schools and graduated from the last class from the High school.

After learning the trade, she worked as a stress in Saco for many years before leaving for Maine to operate her own business. Later she returned to Saco and continued working in the trade 12 years ago.

She was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian Church, Saco and active in various civic groups during her life.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Lucy M. Deering, Saco, and Mrs. Frances Campbell, Saco, a son, Alvin R. Deering, Portland.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 3 p. m. from the home and a funeral home on Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

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Saco Native Marks 92nd Milestone

The 92nd birthday of Arthur W. Andrews was observed yesterday at a dinner party and open house festivities during the afternoon and evening at his residence, Middle street, Saco.

The testimonial included presentation of gifts and cards and a traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Arrangements were made by (Continued from Page One)

charge of members of the house hold and those attending the dinner included the guest of honor, Mrs. Margorie Nutter, Mrs. Frances Bridges, Mrs. Alice Palmer, Mrs. David Twomey, Mrs. Katherine S. S. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Shaw and Mrs. Grace Biggs.

A Saco native, Andrews was born in the house which has now become Most Holy Trinity church rectory. He was educated in the Saco elementary schools and attended Thornton academy. He was married to the former Fannie Huff, who died several years ago, and the couple had no children.

He was prominent in the York County Woodmen's society and Biddeford and Saco Masonic circles.

A keen historian, he has made six scrapbooks dating back to the late 1800's, some of which are now on loan to a local historical society for source book material of events happening in the area.

Early Bowdoin Art To Be Shown

Campus Scene Goes Back To 1821, Is Belief

From Herald News Service

BRUNSWICK — What is believed to be the earliest painting of the Bowdoin College campus was placed on display for the first time in the Bowdoin College Library, Wednesday, as part of the commencement week activities.

This oil painting was loaned through the courtesy of Harold Lee Berry '61 of Portland, vice president of the trustees. It will be featured in the library exhibit of pre-Civil War views of the campus being arranged by Dr. Gerard J. Brault, assistant professor of romance languages, who recently completed a checklist of early Bowdoin campus portraits.

Other views to be displayed include an early lithograph of the campus in the late 1830's by Maine landscape and portrait artist Esteria Butler, and several other prints made during the next two decades. An interesting old letter of promissory notes issued in 1836 by the Brunswick Bank, one of them illustrated with a picture of a college chapel which was never built, will also be shown together with another issue of about 1853 showing the present edifice.

THE EARLIEST portrait is attributed by Prof. Brault to Boston painter John G. Brown, who is believed to have traveled to Brunswick in 1821 in order to study the paintings owned by the college. The painting from which an early lithograph was made shows the cupola on Massachusetts Hall, removed in 1836, Maine Hall, Winthrop Hall, and the old wooden chapel as it was when Hawthorne and Longfellow were students at Bowdoin. In the foreground, an old man is seen trundling a wheelbarrow. Tradition iden-

tifies this person as "Uncle" Trench who sold gingerbread and root beer to the Bowdoin students.

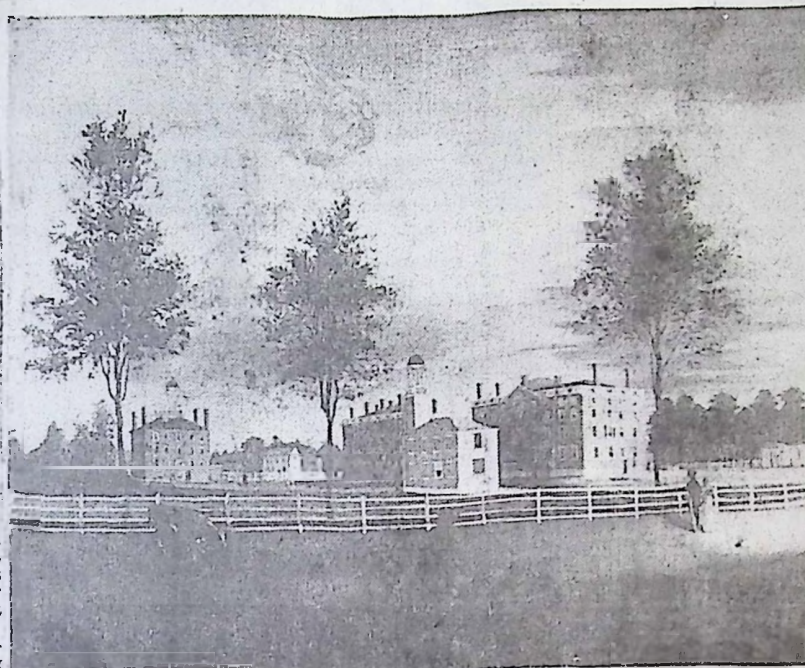
The original Esteria Butler's painting has not been located but a Moore lithograph executed before 1839 will be on display. Several features of the campus have changed in the interim.

Missing in the lithograph are the cupola on Massachusetts Hall. Changes in certain distinctive features of Maine Hall indicate the original was painted subsequent to the 1836 fire in Maine Hall.

THE MOST CURIOUS campus view is that found on the \$10 promissory note issued by the Brunswick Bank in 1836. It shows a projected college chapel and a projected dormitory, the latter where Appleton Hall now stands. The old chapel, which at that date was still standing, has been eliminated from this artist's conception of the Bowdoin Campus of the future. The projected chapel has a single belfry. At a later date, a new issue of this bank note shows the familiar twin spires of the present chapel.

Other paintings of the campus will be displayed, including views of the second meeting house of the First Parish Church between 1836 and 1839, the present third meeting house without its spire in 1845, and another print showing the spire about 1853.

The College Library will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during commencement week.



Bowdoin Scene, About 1821

Believed to have been painted by John G. Brown of Boston, this scene will be among many early views of the Bowdoin campus to be displayed

commencement week. The painting is on loan from Harold Lee Berry of Portland.

Portland (Me.) Sunday Telegram, May 16, 1954



ALLIANCE OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of the Unitarian Alliance of the Second Parish Church of Saco, seated, Miss Lillian Chapin, president. Standing, left to right, Miss Lillian Harmon, treasurer; Mrs. Inez Twombly, secretary; and Miss Katherine Deering, vice president. (By Staff Photographer Whitcomb)

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1962

Former Minister Of Saco Church Is Dead In Cambridge

Rev. Ward R. Clarke, 90, minister emeritus of the Saco Unitarian church, died Sunday in Cambridge, Mass., where he has made his home since retiring from the ministry 18 years ago.

He was born in Cherokee, Iowa in 1872 and received an A. B. degree from Yale university in 1894, and a B. D. degree from Oberlin Theological seminary in 1897. He received the degree of S. T. B. from Harvard Divinity school in 1900, and was ordained shortly after that in King's chapel, Boston.

His first parish was the Unitarian church at Dorset, N. H., where he served for eight years. For three years he was pastor of the Church of the Messiah, Montpelier, Vt., then settled in Saco for a pastorate of 31 years at the Unitarian church, retiring in 1944.

Survivors include one son, Henry Leland Clarke, professor of music at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Memorial services will be held here this year.



She's Against It

Miss Marlon Banks, 65, of Saco begins a sit-down protest against construction of a school in an area she

claims contains an ancient graveyard.
(By Staff Photographer Clapp)

Saco Woman Protests Building School On Lot She Claims Is Ancient Graveyard

PRESS HERALD NEWS SERVICE

SACO — The great-granddaughter of a Revolutionary War veteran buried in a cemetery at Pepperell Park began a sit-down protest Thursday against construction of a new 18-room public school in the park area.

Miss Marlon Banks, 65, declares that sections of the school will be built in the ancient graveyard, possibly over the graves of Civil War soldiers.

MISS BANKS, a resident of Ocean Park Road and granddaughter of Tristram Hooper said she plans to conduct periodic sit-down protests.

The white haired woman entered the graveyard in mid-afternoon carrying a chair and an armful of maps and papers which she said will establish boundaries separating Pepperell Park from the cemetery. Nearby, workmen were busy with power saws felling shade trees for the school site.

Construction of the \$400,000 school was authorized by a 570-370 referendum vote last December. Voters approved construction of the school in the park and stipulated construction was to start by Oct. 15.

A contract to build the school was signed by city officials and Brown Construction, Inc., of Portland, Oct. 4.

MISS BANKS said the legality of the construction of the school still is in doubt.

She said the school building on these lots. In fact, I cannot see where they have any title at all."

Mahaney made the report to the School Building Committee.

committee hired Atty. Hilary F. Mahaney of Biddeford to conduct a title search of the park in March. He reported:

"After checking the title, I cannot find where the city of Saco has any right to this land as it stands now. The town of Pepperellborough was what they called a parish, and consisted of what is now known as Biddeford and Saco. I am just pointing out the weaknesses in this title, and I might go further along this line and state that the deed specifically says a school may be built on one of these lots."

"NOW I RESPECTFULLY call your attention to the fact that it does not say a public school. The schools at the time of this deed were all church

schools and run by the church. Therefore, I would specifically say that I cannot see where the city of Saco has obtained a sufficient title to build a school

tee. Some of the deeds to the park land date back to October, 1752.

Miss Banks claims many of the gravemarkers in the old cemetery have been destroyed by children over the years. Some she said have been smashed and used for baseball diamond markers.

She said a survey she made in June, 1960 revealed 13 gravestones were standing compared to a count conducted in 1928-31 when 49 stones were in the cemetery.

She said the earlier survey showed "many graves did not even have a field stone."

Many of the relatives of the GAR veterans in the cemetery are located in New England.

Miss Banks declared she is not against building new schools but does protest using public parks and graveyards for locations.

Elizabeth Sylvester, Former Teacher, Dies In Portland

Miss Elizabeth Sylvester, 62, a resident of Bay View, Saco, and head consultant for the elementary school division of Ginn publishing company, died Sunday night at a Portland hospital. Prior to joining the Ginn company in Boston, she taught at Burr School, Saco, for five years.

Born in Rockland, Maine, December 23, 1912, she was the daughter of Percy N. and Mary (Sawyer) Sylvester. She was educated at Weymouth high school, Weymouth, Mass., Gorham Normal school in Maine and Boston university. She obtained a master's degree in education from the University of Maine.

She had been employed by Ginn and company for over 17 years.

A member of several educational and sorority groups, she was a Delta Kappa Gamma society member of York county; a member of York county branch of the American Association of University Women; an honorary member of Pi Lambda Theta and Sigma Mu Sigma, both national honor societies, and a member of Beta Phi sorority of the University of Maine. She was also a member of Annette chapter, O.E.S. and of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

BETROTHED — The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Joyce Puffer to Lawrence S. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Cole, Ocean Park, has been announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Puffer, also of Ocean Park. The bride-elect is a graduate of Old Orchard Beach high school, Westbrook Junior college and the Golden School of Beauty Culture and is employed at the Park Avenue Beauty parlor, Portland. Cole graduated from Old Orchard Beach high school and the University of Maine where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is employed as an electrical engineer at General Electric, Syracuse, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Bennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m.

In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	Exalted	Died
JAMES C. ARMSTRONG	May 10, 1943	Jan. 19, 1962
GEORGE W. LADD	May 10, 1922	Mar. 3, 1960
RALPH H. MERROW	Jan. 19, 1914	Mar. 29, 1960
CHARLES F. MOODY	Feb. 19, 1926	May 24, 1960
WILLIAM J. BEATTY	Oct. 11, 1911	May 24, 1960
WILLIAM K. SIAS	June 14, 1916	June 17, 1960
JOHN JOSEPH WELCH	April 18, 1910	June 15, 1960
OREN F. WHITNEY	Oct. 10, 1960	Sept. 3, 1960

A MESSAGE TO THE ABOVE

"Sleep on, Dear Friend, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain.
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On lives that here remain."

"He walked through life and left his impress there;
He still lives on in ways we cannot know.
His love of life and living is not lost
His spirit carries on in those he loved
And reaches out to touch humanity—
A heritage continuing through the years."

"SO MOTE IT BE"

Here's a view that would be a little unusual today. It shows an assortment of boats and ships moored in the Saco river below the Main street bridge, and not a motor in the lot—they were all driven by sail or oar. The photo was taken from the Biddeford side of the river between 40 and 60 years ago, looking across and up toward Saco, with the mills of the York Manufacturing company (now Bates) looming in the background.



Thursday, August 24, 1961

M. Harry Whelan, Biddeford Civic Leader, Is Dead

M. Harry Whelan, 80, a prominent civic leader and former purchasing agent for the Pepperell Manufacturing company in Biddeford for many years, died

last night at a local hospital after a long illness. He resided at 5 Beacon avenue.

Born in Biddeford, April 25, 1881, the son of Maurice and Mary (Hobbins) Whelan, he was educated in the local schools. He was a life-long member of St. Mary church and both a member and past president of the Holy Name Society of the parish.

Active in civic circles, he was both a charter member and past president of the Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club, and a member of

the board of directors of the Webster hospital for many years.

Twice a candidate for mayor on Republican party ticket, he served also for one term as city treasurer during a Republican administration.

Vitally interested in educational projects and school movements, he served the community for several years as a member of the Biddeford school board.

Employed by the Pepperell Manufacturing company for half a century, he was a member of

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the 50-year service club of the firm and held the post of purchasing agent for several years. He retired from the company in 1950.

Survivors include his widow Mrs. Celia A. (Cleary) Whelan, two sons, Dr. J. Edward Whelan Saco, and J. Maurice Whelan East Providence, R. I.; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lafond, Manchester, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Chenevert, Biddeford; 12 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

A requiem high mass will be celebrated Saturday at 9:30 a. m. in St. Mary church and burial will be in the family lot in St. Mary cemetery.

Friends may call at the Cosgrove funeral home, 326 Elm street, Biddeford, from 2 to 4 and

Portland, Maine, Press

Herald, Friday, Jan. 11, 1963

HAROLD W. YEATON

SACO — Harold Wentworth Yeaton, 83, of 45 High St., a retired registered professional engineer and a devotee of music, astronomy and fancy wood-working, died Wednesday in a Biddeford hospital.

Mr. Yeaton was born in Rochester, N.H., April 13, 1879, son of Charles W. and Sara A. Wentworth Yeaton. He was educated in Rochester schools and at Bates College and Wentworth Institute.

Employed as a young man by the General Electric Co. in Boston, he became superintendent of the York Light and Heat Co. Later he was an engineer for the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. and its successor, Central Maine Power Co., from which he retired several years ago. He continued to serve Central Maine in a regular advisory capacity until a few weeks ago.

His wife, the former Alice Locke, died in 1940.

Mr. Yeaton was a guarantor of the Boston Opera Association and had a substantial record library of complete operas, symphonic works and other fine music. He gave frequent concerts of this music for friends.

As a hobby, he built clocks and furniture. His home was liberally supplied with grandfather clocks, banjo clocks and others from his workshop. One grandfather's clock he made won a \$100 prize. He made highboys, lowboys, and other furniture, and also collected clocks and furniture.

He built telescopes and was a student of the stars.

He climbed most of the mountains of Maine and New Hampshire, and after his active climbing days ended he retained a sharp memory for details of trails and their vistas. He also climbed in the Rocky Mountains. He was a member of the former Eastern States Mountain Club.

At his death he was president of the York Institute here.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Effie L. Yeaton, Rochester and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private.



M. Harry Whelan



OLD WAR HORSE — Observing his 82nd birthday today is Atty. Louis B. Lausier, former mayor of Biddeford. Despite advancing years and a fractured hip, which kept him hospitalized for a year, Lausier refuses to retire and still has a love for his work. He came to his office on Main street as usual today. The attorney was Democratic head of the city for 15 years, his last term being in 1955. Once an unsuccessful candidate for governor, he resides at 119 Graham street.



Louis B. Lausier

Photo by Anastasoff.

Top state and city officials paid tribute today to a fiery and controversial former leader of Biddeford's government, who died at his home last night from a heart attack while watching television.

Atty. Louis B. Lausier, who served as mayor of Biddeford from 1941 to 1955, compiling a record 15 consecutive years in office, was called by Gov. John H. Reed a "hard working and respected leader" and by present mayor Clement M. Deschambault a "dedicated man," who "made scores of loyal friends during his years as mayor of the city."

Meanwhile the city mourned the passing of the Democratic city leader, who refused to retire completely in the past few years, despite ailments, failing health and advanced age. The city hall flag was placed at half staff in honor of Lausier. York county Medical Examiner Leopold A. Viger said that the Graham street resident died instantly from a heart attack.

The full statement of Gov. Reed read:

"The passing of Louis Lausier has removed from the Maine political scene a hard working and respected leader.

"During his long career, Mayor Lausier made many contributions to municipal government and served the city of Biddeford with forthright determination.

"Mayor Lausier will be remembered for steadfast devotion to his party ideals and the interest which he always maintained in furthering the progress of his city and state."

Upon hearing of the death of former Mayor Lausier, Deschambault expressed sorrow at his passing and stated that "the former Democratic administrator was a dedicated man and made scores of loyal friends during his years as mayor of the city. I am sure that the citizens of Biddeford are saddened, as am I, by the death of the man who led our city for so many years."

Loses Close Battle

Lausier, whose personality and conduct of his office won him many friends and enemies, was frequently unopposed for office during his tenure, both by his own party and by the minority Republican party. In 1955, he sought election to a 16th term, but was defeated by Albert C. Lambert in the Democratic primaries by a 29-vote margin. Lambert went on to serve as mayor for two terms.

In 1952, official returns gave Lausier a victory margin of only 40 votes over Atty. Arthur J. Lesieur, a Republican, but in a recount the vote was in favor of Lesieur by 140 votes. However, Maine's Supreme court allowed Lausier to stay in office, ruling that Lesieur should have resigned his judgeship in the city, an office constitutionally incompatible with that of mayor.

The 82-year-old Lausier was proud of the way he operated his city and provided it with one of the few debt-free towns in the nation. However, the people began to grow increasingly restless, and voted him out of office in 1955.

Lausier had been associated with Atty. William Donahue for several years; and still went to his law office up to the time of his death. He had been in ill health since breaking a hip about three years ago.

Funeral services will be held from St. Joseph church Thursday at 10 a. m., when a requiem

mass will be sung.

Lausier was educated at St. Anne de la Pevatiere college, Quebec, and read law with a Biddeford attorney before being admitted to the bar in 1906. He served as alderman, city auditor, municipal court judge and state representative before becoming mayor.

In 1948, he dabbled in state politics, but was defeated for the gubernatorial nod by Republican Frederick G. Payne. He also failed to win a seat on the Democratic National committee in 1936 and in 1948.

Lausier also formerly operated the two Biddeford motion picture theaters and was president of the Pepperell Trust company.

Born November 17, 1879, he was the son of Antoine and Aurilie (Cartier) Lausier. He was a lifelong resident of Biddeford.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph Lesieur, Marblehead, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Emma L. Pugsley, Biddeford; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Bolduc Funeral home, 291 Alfred street, Biddeford, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Frank D. Stacy

Frank D. Stacy, 65, died in a Kittery hospital Monday after a brief illness.

He had been a resident of Wells for 14 years. Prior to moving to Wells he had been employed in Boston. He was a plumber.

He was the son of Omer and Hannah Hubbard Stacy.

Survivors include one son, Lester L. Stacy, Richmond, Va.; daughter, Mrs. Ruth Stacy, Wells, and one brother, Omer A. Stacy, Saco.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Bibber Memorial chapel, 60 Summer street, Kennebunk, with the Rev. John Simpson of the Second Congregational church of Wells officiating. Burial will be in Ocean View cemetery.

Friends may call at the chapel Saturday and Sunday afternoons.



oldest alum . . .

Sixty-nine years ago Charles A. Stacy graduated from Thornton Academy. Today, as the sole survivor of the eight graduates of the 1891 class, he has the distinction of being Thornton's oldest alumnus.

Mr. Stacy, who spent his first two years at the old Saco High School on School Street, nostalgically recalled his last two years at the newly constructed academy. "We had the Thornton Cadets and I was Captain. I also participated in baseball which was the only organized sport in those days."

He studied the business course, which, said Mr. Stacy, with a twinkle in his eye, "had enough courses to fill the day." This study served him well, for after graduation Mr. Stacy began 54 years in the wholesale millinery business.

Presently retired, Mr. Stacy still keeps active with gardening and extensive study of genealogy.

Thornton Academy and all of its Alumni wish you many more healthful years as our oldest member.



BEARING THE BODY of former mayor of Biddeford Louis B. Lausier into St. Joseph church for funeral rites this morning is this group of 10 bearers. They include Atty. William P. Donahue, Alfred DesRobertis, Arthur J. Remillard, J. Her-

man Gelinas, William F. Curtis, Richard E. Moore, John E. Frates, Leo P. Bedard, Atty. Theophilus Pitandis and Clayton W. Cartmill. Burial was at the family lot in St. Joseph cemetery following the funeral rites.

Sidney Barnstead

Sidney O. Barnstead, 77, of 339 Main street, Saco, died early Sunday morning at a Biddeford hospital.

He was born in Canada, November 14, 1884, was educated in Boston schools and was a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston. For many years he was employed by the Park-Davis Drug company, Detroit, Mich., and for several years was a partner in the Barnstead-Griffith Drug store, Saco, retiring about 1935.

Surviving is a cousin, Mrs. Harriet Hank, Nova Scotia.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Biddeford-Saco Lodge of Elks, Saco. Mrs. Roy, mother of the bride, wore gold brocade dress, brown accessories and fur jacket. Mrs. Tarbox, the groom's mother, wore a silver-white brocade dress with black accessories. Both had corsages of Better Times roses.

For traveling the bride chose a beige ensemble with beige hat, black accessories and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Tarbox is a 1959 graduate of Thornton Academy and is employed by the Canal bank, Portland. Her husband graduated from Thornton Academy in 1957 and served for two years in the Armed Forces. He is employed by Northeast Airlines.

Old Orchard Beach Man Dies After Shoveling Snow

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — John Adams, 77, of 26 B Imperial St. died suddenly Wednesday afternoon in his home after shoveling snow in front of the house.

Born in Biddeford, Sept. 14, 1884, he was the son of William and Agnes Simpson Adams. He was educated in the Saco schools and was a graduate of Thornton Academy. For more than 48 years he was overseer in the finishing department of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co., Biddeford, retiring seven years ago.

He was a member of the Saco School Street Methodist Church, Saco Lodge, AF and AM, Korah Temple Shrine, York Royal Arch Chapter, the Consistory, Maine Council, and Annette Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

He is survived by his widow, Lucille Pillsbury Adams; a son, Paul F., Manchester, Conn.; a brother, David, Rye, N. H., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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Mrs. Ralph E. Tarbox
(Miss Doris Roberge)

Final Tribute Paid Lausier

Funeral services for Atty. Louis B. Lausier, mayor of Biddeford for 15 years, were conducted at St. Joseph church this morning. Those attending from out of town included Joseph Lausier, Atty. Paul Lausier and Miss Edna Lausier, all of Marblehead, Mass., and Atty. John Connors, Lewiston.

Among the estimated 175-200 persons paying their last respect to the former ferry and central Saco city leader and Democratic candidate for governor were Justice Cecil J. Suddall of the Maine Supreme court, former First District Congressman James C. Oliver of Cape Elizabeth, delegations from the Cumberland

county and York county Bar associations and Mayors Clement H. Deschambault of Biddeford and Danmore Working of Saco. Lausier died at his home on a prominent dentist and member of local, state and national dental societies, who died suddenly Saturday evening at his home in Saco.

Rev. Harry Aufiero, Saco First Parish Congregational church, officiated and burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Bearers were Dr. Thomas Paraday, Dr. J. Ralph Laroche, Atty. Theophilus Pitandis and Lester Armstrong.

During services this morning a solemn requiem high mass was sung with the celebrant being Rev. Sylvio Levesque and Rev. Marc Franch as deacon and Rev. Norman Carrier as subdeacon. Singing was by a male quartet, with Mrs. Diana Rousell as organist. Others in the sanctuary were Rev. Clarence LaPlante, OFM, president of St. Francis college; Rev. Frederic Belanger, OFM, assistant to the president on development at the college; and Rev. Edward Nadeau, pastor of St. Ignace church, Sanford.

Bearers were Atty. William Donahue, Alfred DesRobertis, Arthur J. Remillard, J. Herman Gelinas, William F. Curtis, Richard E. Moore, John E. Frates, Leo P. Bedard, Atty. Theophilus Pitandis and Clayton W. Cartmill.

Burial was at the family lot at St. Joseph cemetery.

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Rev. Stanley Bennett, pastor of Saco United Baptist church, officiated and burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

A ritualistic memorial service was conducted at the funeral home Thursday evening by officers and members of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., to which Benjamin belonged.

Doris Roberge Is Married To Ralph Tarbox

On a wedding trip to California are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Earl Tarbox, who were married at Notre Dame de Lourdes church, Saco.

The bride is the former Doris Roberge, daughter of Mrs. Alice Roy, 73 Middle street, Saco, and Urbain Roberge, Main street, Westbrook, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Tarbox, Middle street, Saco.

Bouquets of white gladioli decorated the church for the nuptials performed by Rev. Georges Plante. Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Eva Carrier, organist, and Fred Patterson violinist.

Given in marriage by her brother, Urbain Roberge, Jr., the bride chose a princess style gown with lace applique, long tapered sleeves and a long train. Her fingertip veil fell from a pearl crown and she carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

Miss Claudia Hall, Saco, was maid of honor, gown in green velvet, while the bridesmaids were Miss Ruth McGovern, Saco, and Miss Charlotte Tarbox, sister of the groom. They wore dark green velvet gowns, fur headpieces and carried pmopon corages attached to white fur nuffs.

Catherine Roberge, niece of the bride, was flower girl, wearing gold velvet dress, while David Roberge, the bride's nephew, was ring bearer.

Franklin Tarbox, Saco, was best man and ushers were Norman Lombard, Saco, and Frederick West, Biddeford. A reception was held at the

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DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG

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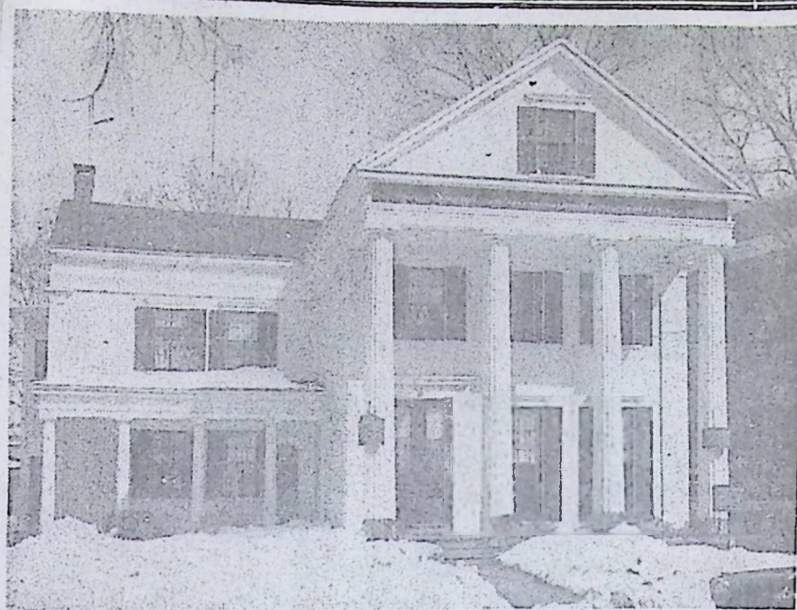
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By Staff Photographer Bob Clapp

Sarah Fairfield Hamilton Memorial Building

Hamilton Memorial Building Begins 51st Year With Union

SACO—The Sarah Fairfield Hamilton Memorial Building on Beach St. here is beginning its 51st year as the clubhouse of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco.

Members claim the clubhouse is the first to be owned by women in Maine and that it is one of the few still being maintained.

The memorial is named in tribute to Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton, late of Saco, who founded the Diaz Union in 1882 and was later named the Women's Educational and Industrial Union in 1888.

The WEIU, called the oldest and largest federated women's club in York County, has an average membership of 200 and meets bi-monthly on Friday afternoons from October until its annual luncheon in May.

The union's memorial fund committee will sponsor a golden anniversary bridge at the memorial March 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations are being handled by Mrs. Lloyd Trecartin and Mrs. William Searle. Proceeds will help maintain the memorial.

Present union projects include a \$150 scholarship to a Thornton Academy senior accepted for college, and support of a part-time social worker in Saco's public schools.

Members and guests of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, will observe the Golden Anniversary of the club at an Anniversary dessert bridge March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Sarah Fairfield Hamilton memorial hall, Beach street, Saco.

Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Lloyd Trecartin or Mrs. William Searle, co-chairmen, or members of the Memorial Fund committee which in-

cludes Mrs. Robert LaFond, Mrs. Donald Libby, Mrs. Daniel Zim, Mrs. Lester Austin, Mrs. Lloyd Trecartin and Miss Marion Low.

Proceeds will benefit the maintenance and preservation funds for the Hamilton memorial which has been the E and I clubhouse for over 50 years.

The founder of the E and I Union, Sarah Fairfield Hamilton was one of eight children of John and Anna P. (Thornton) Fairfield. Her father was Congressman from the First District, governor of Maine and a Maine senator. Her mother was the granddaughter of Col. Thomas Cutts and made her home in the famous Cutts mansion at the crest of York hill, Saco. In later years, the two top stories were moved to Glenhaven circle, Saco, and the residence is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Trecartin and family.

Mrs. Trecartin is serving as a co-chairman for the Anniversary observances honoring the club founder.

Home Still Stands
The home of Gov. and Mrs. Fairfield, and their children, was a farm on the Ferry road which still stands across from Laurel hill cemetery and is still occupied by descendants of the Fairfield family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Owen.

Sarah Fairfield became the wife of Benjamin F. Hamilton, a dry-goods merchant in Saco who was first to employ girl clerks, much to the consternation of his women customers of the 1850's. Their home was the Leland-Hamilton house now known as Thornton hall, Saco.

In the 1830's the women of Saco as elsewhere in the country, had few opportunities to join organizations outside their churches or to engage in civic or political activity.

A discussion group known as the Diaz Union had been formed

in Boston, however, and Mrs. Hamilton founded in 1882 a Diaz Union in Saco patterned along similar lines. Although Mrs. Abbie Shepley Riversmith was the first president, Mrs. Hamilton served from 1884 to 1886 and then held the group together until it was reorganized in 1888 as the Women's Educational and Industrial Union to secure "higher intellectual, moral, and physical conditions, with a view to the improvement of all domestic and social relations." Through the tenacity and preservation funds for the Hamilton memorial which were realized under the determined leadership of such women as Mrs. Hamilton.

In 1889 the E and I Union won distinction for starting Saco's first kindergarten and helped support it until taken over by the city. In 1891 the Union founded Maine's first carpenter school and helped support it under direction by the school committee. Pioneer work by the Union also resulted in the addition of cooking and sewing classes to the school curriculum.

Much of the work for educational improvement was in cooperation with the superintendent of schools, John S. Locke, father of Almira McArthur, who bequeathed funds in his name to continue service to the children and the community.

Programs Supported
With the financial assistance of the Union, physical education classes were also first started and medical inspections became another project of the Union at the request of the late Dr. Laura Black Stickney. The Union also assisted in the support of the first visiting nurses, the dental clinic, summer playgrounds, skating rink, city missionary work and supported reforms in handling of the retarded, and of women prisoners, asking for a separate reformatory.

Mrs. Hamilton, her sister, Martha Fairfield, and their sister clubwomen were especially in the thick of battle for woman's suffrage. In 1896 petition was first made to put women on the school committee; but not until 1910 was this accomplished. The first woman member, however, was E and I Union member and Past Pres-

ident, Mrs. Mary Beckwith. And one of Saco's public schools is named for Mrs. Clementine Kendrick Burns, a club member and woman of great civic interest.

On July 8, 1909, Mrs. Hamilton died. Because of her loyal and determined devotion to the ideals of the Union, the members decided to establish a permanent tribute that her name not be forgotten. A subscription drive netted \$1,238.91 by October that year and decision was made to purchase a suitable building for club meetings and classes. On June 1, 1911, the J. F. Stearns property on Beach street was purchased at public auction and named the Sarah Fairfield Hamilton Memorial. Two Stearns descendants, the Misses Elizabeth and Mary Stearns, are still members of the Union.

Service Continued

In the years following Mrs. Hamilton's death and the foundation of the Memorial, the Union has continued its service to the community, assisted by trust funds left by former members, Clara Woods, Sarah Bradbury and Almira McArthur, who specified such funds be used for specific purposes. However, operating expenses of the Memorial still need to be raised through devotion and hard work of its members however.

The Memorial is also the home of the Christian Science Society which uses the clubrooms Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and has its reading room on the second floor. An upstairs apartment is also occupied by Mr. and

Mrs. John McNabb and family. Since 1956 this family has cared for the Memorial and readied it for the bi-monthly Union meetings on Friday afternoons from October to the annual session in May.

Mrs. Calista Morse is the only 50-year member. Although she now resides in Belgrade, she has joined the honorary membership group of the club.

Other Honorary Members include Mrs. Seth Hanson and Mrs. George Leatherbarrow, of Saco; Mrs. Charles Lamb, of Waterford, Connecticut and Mrs. Maude Graves, of Tipton, Indiana. Mrs. Madeleine F. Hamilton, of Winter Park, Florida, the only living Perpetual Member (there were 17 in all) is also the daughter-in-law of Sarah Fairfield Hamilton.

The 10 ladies with the longest years of membership include Mrs. George S. Allen, Mrs. Charlotte A. Mitchell, Miss Lillian Chapin, Mrs. Harry O. Furber, Mrs. Charles Furber, Mrs. Clayton Hewes, Miss Vergie E. Hewes, Mrs. Mary Hawkes, Miss Edith Scamman and Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith, all of Saco.

Living past presidents include Mrs. George S. Allen, Mrs. Seth A. Hanson, Mrs. Ralph W. Hawkes, Mrs. Edwin K. Weymouth, Mrs. Mark B. Black, Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith, Mrs. William W. Rawlinson, Mrs. Warren Peterson, Mrs. Everett Ladd and Mrs. Kenneth Stackpole, all of Saco; Mrs. Alfred R. Kennedy, Biddeford, and Mrs. Arthur Collins, Mrs. Gordon C. Anderson, Mrs. Paul Franklin Bliss, Mrs. Milton W. Weymouth, Mrs. Richard L. Gorgins and Mrs. W. Lloyd Walker, all out of state residents.

Current president is Mrs. William H. Marston, Saco.

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Jan. 19, 1963

MRS. JOSEPHINE L. SMALL
SACO — Mrs. Josephine L. Small, 88, of 9 Vernon St.

Biddeford-Saco Journal

Monday, January 20, 1963

Robert H. Gay

Funeral services were held yesterday in Waterville for Robert Henry Gay, 54, a summer resident of Biddeford who died Friday afternoon at Waterville following an illness of several months. Rev. Frank J. man of the First Congregational church officiated and burial was in Pine Grove cemetery, Waterville.

Born August 29, 1888 at Concord, N. H., a son of Joshua and Sarah (Clark) Gay, he spent summers at the homestead in Biddeford. He was married to the former Ruth Gay who died 19 years ago and at the time of his death was with a stepdaughter, Mrs. R. Marr, 45 Silver street, Waterville.

He was the oldest member of the Biddeford-Saco Congregational church. A Free and Accepted Mason, he was a member of Waterville lodge AF and M and was the recipient of a 25-year medal several years ago.

Besides Miss Marr, he was survived by a stepson, Carl W. Marr, Burbank, Calif., and several grandchildren.

J, Thursday, Oct. 19, 1961

Mary F. Staples

Mrs. Mary F. Staples, 88, died yesterday at a Biddeford nursing home after a long illness. Widow of Frederick Staples, she had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Erwin Kennedy, Old Orchard road, Saco, for over 25 years.

Born in Biddeford, November 1, 1872, daughter of Washington and Olive L. (Falkner) Emerson, she was educated in the local schools and was a member of Evangeline Rebekah lodge.

Survivors include a son, Lewis Staples, Biddeford; one daughter, Mrs. Kennedy, Saco; five grandchildren, four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Staples funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call from 7 to 9 Friday night.

Widow of Rufus Small died Friday in a Biddeford nursing home.

She was born in Biddeford, Sept. 19, 1874, daughter of Frank E. and Georgia Hall Emerson.

She is survived by two sons, Willis Small of Kennebunk and Franklin P. Small of Atlanta, Ga.; one sister, Miss Gertrude E. Emerson of Haverhill; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at 365 Main St. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.

Saco Many Years Ago — one of a series



MAIN STREET in Saco was the center of busy activity in 1913 as it is today. The photo, taken from the collection of Don Rhodes, Saco tax assessor, shows the street looking from Main

street. A notation on the photograph says that Hiram Hill is driving the team of oxen. At the right in the photograph is the location of an old banking firm in the city.

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Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1962



Dr. J. Edward Whalen



Lowell Innes

Dr. Whalen Elected School Board Mayor By 217 Votes

Biddeford-Saco Journal
Thursday, Jan. 17, 1963

Lucy H. Cleaves

Mrs. Lucy H. Cleaves, 70, of 25 Main street, Saco, widow of Charles E. Cleaves, died early this morning at a Biddeford hospital.

Born in Saco, January 12, 1893, she was the daughter of Charles and Bessie Cribb Sawyer. She attended the Saco Unitarian church. There are no near surviving relatives.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the Bennett and Crabb Funeral home, 25 Main street, Saco. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald
Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1962

MISS RENA PARADAY

SACO—Miss Rena Paraday, 60, of 50 Cleveland St., died Monday in a Portland hospital after a short illness.

She had been employed for 20 years by the Maine State Department of Health and Wel-

fare as a social worker, retiring Dec. 1.

She was born Feb. 8, 1902, in Saco, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Armstrong Paraday, and attended schools here.

She was a communicant of the Most Holy Trinity Church. Survivors are a brother, Dr. Thomas Paraday of Saco, and an uncle.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday from 87 James St., Saco, and burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Biddeford-Saco Journal
1, Thursday, Jan. 10, 1963

Harold W. Yeaton

Harold Wentworth Yeaton, 83, of 45 High street, Saco, president of the York Institute, died at a local hospital last night following a short illness.

Born in Rochester, N.H., April 13, 1879, he was son of Charles W. and Sarah A. Wentworth Yeaton. He attended schools in Rochester and Bates College and Wentworth Institute.

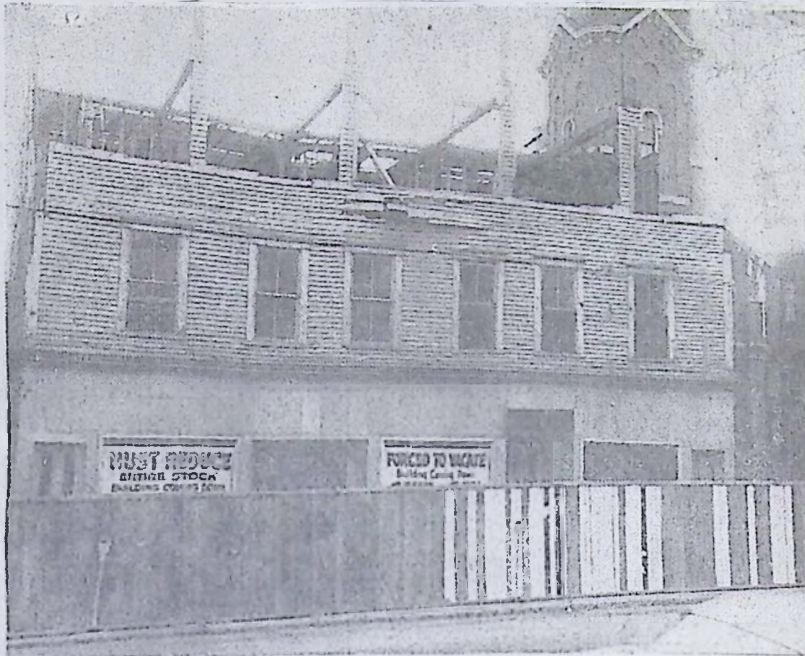
Yeaton was a registered pro-

fessional engineer and worked for a time for General Electric company. He was at one time superintendent of York Heat and Light company and later engineered for the Cumberland county Power and Light company and until his retirement several years ago for the Central Maine Power company.

Yeaton was a patron of the Metropolitan Opera company and was interested in antique clocks, astronomy and mountain climbing.

He was married to the former Alice Locke, who died in 1940. Surviving are a sister, Miss Effie L. Yeaton, Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Dennett and Craig Funeral home, Saco.



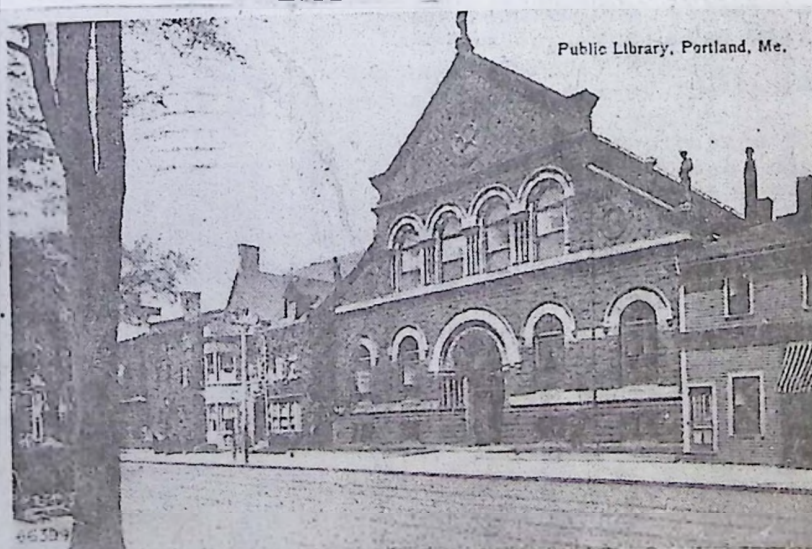
Making Room For Books

Expansion plans for the MacArthur Library on Main St., Biddeford, include demolition of the former O'Conner Block adjacent to the library property. The wooden structure and

land recently was acquired by the library. It is being razed by Roland Cadorette, contractor. (By Staff Photographer Bob Clapp)

ONCE UPON A TIME...

Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Thursday, Sept. 20, 1962



Portland Public Library

The Portland Public Library looks much the same today as it did about the turn of the century when this picture was taken. The building was erected in 1889 as a gift to the city from James Phinney Baxter. The building at right was the J. W. Minott Flower Shop, razed in 1929 to make way for the present Congress building. Left of library are the homes of Dr.

A. G. Spaulding, Charles A. Plummer and extreme left, the home of George R. Davis. The statues atop the facade of the library were taken down in 1929 when it was feared they would fall during the construction of the Congress building. (From the collection of James J. Scott, St. George St., Portland.)



Bank Building, 1877-1893

Portland Savings Bank In 1877



Standing On The Corner

Pedestrians stand on a corner to wait for the cars until the walk light flashes on. They did the same thing early in the century without the lights. The cars they waited for were the trolleys like the Westbrook car near the intersection. It's looking down Preble street from Congress street about 80 years ago. The Portland Railroad Co. operators of the trolleys, had a waiting room on the corner at right. Halfway down the block on the right is the John J. Frye firm, makers of plows. The Fidelity Building, now the Commerce Building, replaced the building on the corner at right about 1910 and the Chapman Building, now the Casco Bank Building, went up on the site of the Preble House in 1924. The Arcade was a much-discussed feature of the Chapman Building.

Saco Lodge, No. 9, H. & A. M.

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
SACO, MAINE

Nov. 11, 1946.

Mr Arthur W. Andrews,
Saco, Maine.

Dear Brother Andrews:-

Upon examination of the records I find that you were raised in Saco Lodge on June 15, 1896 and have been a member in good standing since that time.

The Grand Lodge of Maine provides a medal, known as the Grand Lodge of Maine Veteran's Medal, to be presented to each Master Mason who shall have been in good standing in this jurisdiction, continuously, for fifty years.

I have secured one of these medals from the Grand Secretary for you and the Lodge wishes to have it presented to you on Tuesday Evening, Nov. 19, on the occasion of the annual inspection of the Lodge.

I, also, have the pleasure to inform you that at the Stated Communication of Saco Lodge, held Nov. 6, you were made an Honorary Member by vote of the Lodge. This Honorary Membership eliminates the payment of dues and the Grand Lodge Charity Assessment.

Will you let me know at once if you will be able to be present Nov. 19?

Fraternally yours,

Edgar H. Sullivan
Secretary.

Saturday, Sept. 22, 1962

MISS INA A. DENNETT

SACO—Miss Ina A. Dennett, 90, a retired school teacher, died Friday afternoon at her residence 43 Middle St.

She had taught at Bonython and Locke schools here for more than 38 years before retiring some 25 years ago. She also taught in Massachusetts for about three years.

Miss Dennett was born in Biddeford April 8, 1872, the daughter of Elmore and Eva Bickford Dennett. She was educated in local schools and was a member of the Saco United Baptist Church and various church organizations. For many years she conducted Sunday school at the church.

Surviving is a cousin, Harry Libby of Quincy, Mass.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Biddeford-Saco Jour

nd, Friday, May 17, 1963

Gertrude Atkinson Observes Birthday

A 92nd birthday celebration was held yesterday for Miss Gertrude B. Atkinson, in her Main street, Saco home.

Born in Sackville, N. B., May 16, 1871, her family later came to Saco and opened the Atkinson Furniture business.

According to her friends and family Miss Atkinson retains all her faculties and is very active in her daily life.

Refreshments were served by her sisters, Miss Violet and Miss Beatrice Atkinson, and featured a decorated cake made by Mrs. Paul M. Woodman.

Among those attending the event were Mrs. Milton Atkinson, Mrs. Dorothy Scott Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodman, Melville Woodman, Miss Faith Woodman, Carlyle Harmon and Ernest L. Harmon.



It's Her 95th

Celebrating her 95th birthday Monday will be Mrs. Abigail L. Flood of Fortunes Rocks, Biddeford. A lifelong resident of Biddeford, Mrs. Flood makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Miriam Gross, who says her mother is alert and enjoying excellent health for a woman her age. Mrs. Flood is receiving numerous congratulatory cards from friends, neighbors and relatives including a grandson Leslie Thomas and great-grandsons Peter and Paul Thomas, all of South Deering, Mass. (By Staff Photographer Bob Clapp)

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Saturday, July 30, 1960

Rep. Garland's Wife Won't Permit Divorce

By MAY CRAIG

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Peter A. Garland said Wednesday she would not give her congressman husband a divorce because she has no reason to. "I still love him very much," she declared.

Separation of Maine's First District representative and his wife of 18 years was announced by Garland's Portland office Friday.

Mrs. Garland said Wednesday she did not know of the press release announcing the separation until after it had been given to the newspapers.

"OURS HAS BEEN a perfect marriage and I know of no reason for the present separation except that he is in a nervous crisis from overwork

in his congressional position and for his company at home." Garland is an official of the Garland Manufacturing Co., Saco, Maine.

The separation was her husband's decision, she said, and he has said nothing to her about divorce.

Mrs. Garland said Garland was at their home Tuesday afternoon and their talk was homely and friendly.

There are no "arrangements," she said. Garland comes and goes as he likes and sees the children as usual.

"There is no animosity," Mrs. Garland declared. "He comes in and out of our home, although

he has been staying at the Congressional Hotel since Feb. 19. His things are still here and his mail still comes to our



Mrs. Garland

house.

"He needs a long rest; he has not had a day off for seven years."

Mrs. Garland added that the

split is not a legal separation and that there definitely was no third party involved.

Garland could not be reached for comment Wednesday and had refused to enlarge on the original 24-word press release announcing the separation.

THE CONGRESSMAN is going ahead with plans for reelection. He said he probably will file nomination papers with the secretary of state in Augusta, Maine, this week.

What effect, if any, the separation will have on Garland's chances for another term is a topic of speculation throughout Maine.

As for Mrs. Garland's plans, "I simply haven't any," she said.

Mrs. Garland said Garland would have accompanied their son, Peter Jr., 10, and his class on a tour of the Capitol Wednesday with her if he had not been prevented by committee work.

Another son, James, 14, arrived here Wednesday for spring vacation from Exeter Academy and their daughter, Nancy, 17, is expected from Dana Hall, Wellesley, next week for vacation.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Richards

Biddeford Couple Feted On Golden Anniversary

BIDDEFORD—Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Richards of 117 Granite St., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday at their home.

The couple were married Nov. 27, 1912, by the Rev. Elbert B. Holmes of St. George's Episcopal Church, Sanford.

Mrs. Richards is the former Gertrude May Taylor of Sanford. Mr. Richards is a lifelong resident of Biddeford. Both are members of the Adah Chapter, OES.

Mrs. Richards is an active member of the WSCS of the

Foss Street Methodist Church. Her husband is a member of the Dunlap Lodge, F and AM Knights Templar.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Natalie J. Emmons of Kennebunkport and Mrs. Natalie A. Pardue of Scarborough. They also are the grandparents of Lynda Rossmore of Portland, Bonney, Holly and Laurey Pardue and Estelle Carl Emmons.

Mr. Richards is an active member of the WSCS of the

Portland (Me.) Sunday

Telegram, Oct. 9, 1960

Saco Attorney Dies Suddenly

SACO—Jasper A. Bean, 57 of 19 Winter St., this city's prominent attorney died suddenly Saturday noon in a Biddeford Hospital.

He was born in Saco, Nov. 22, 1902, the son of Augustine and Laura Burbank Bean.

He was educated in local schools, graduated from Thornton Academy, and attended Tufts Dental College, Boston University Law School and Peabody Law School.

He had practiced law here the past 22 years, and was a member of the State and York County bar associations.

He is survived by his widow, the former Rebecca Emery; two sons, Marshall E. of Durham, N. H., and Curtis H. of Wilmington, Mass.; two sisters, Miss Bertha Bean, this city, and Mrs. Frank L. Perkins, Saco; one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main St., this city. Interment will be in Buxton Lower Corner Cemetery.

Friday, Dec. 14, 1962

Saco Man Serving On Federal Jury Dies In Courthouse

An 82-year-old Saco man, serving on the Federal trial jury now in session here, died Thursday morning in the jury room.

Cumberland County Medical Examiner Wilbur F. Leighton said Richard A. Libby died of a heart attack.

Mr. Libby died only a few minutes before the jury was to return to the U.S. District Courtroom for a third day of testimony in a civil damage suit. He had served as a member of the jury that convicted four defendants in the Scarborough still case.

Resuscitation attempts by the Portland Rescue unit failed to revive him.

He was born in Biddeford, Sept. 3, 1880, son of Alphonso T. and Victoria Hill Libby.

Mr. Libby was a member of the 1899 champion football team at Thornton Academy. He attended Gray Business School, Portland.

He was a former employe of McKenney and Heard, Biddeford, and retired some 12 years ago from the Saco-Lowell Shops.

He was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church, Saco Lodge, AF and AM, Saco Lodge, IOOF, York Royal Arch Chapter, Annette Chapter, OES, Saco Grange, and was a past commander of the Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, Biddeford.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marcella Doyle Libby; two daughters, Mrs. Marion Cousins and Mrs. Priscilla Warren, both of Saco; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at 35 Spring St., with the Rev. Harry Ausiero officiating. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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Thursday, Dec. 27, 1962

ORMAND P. SANBORN

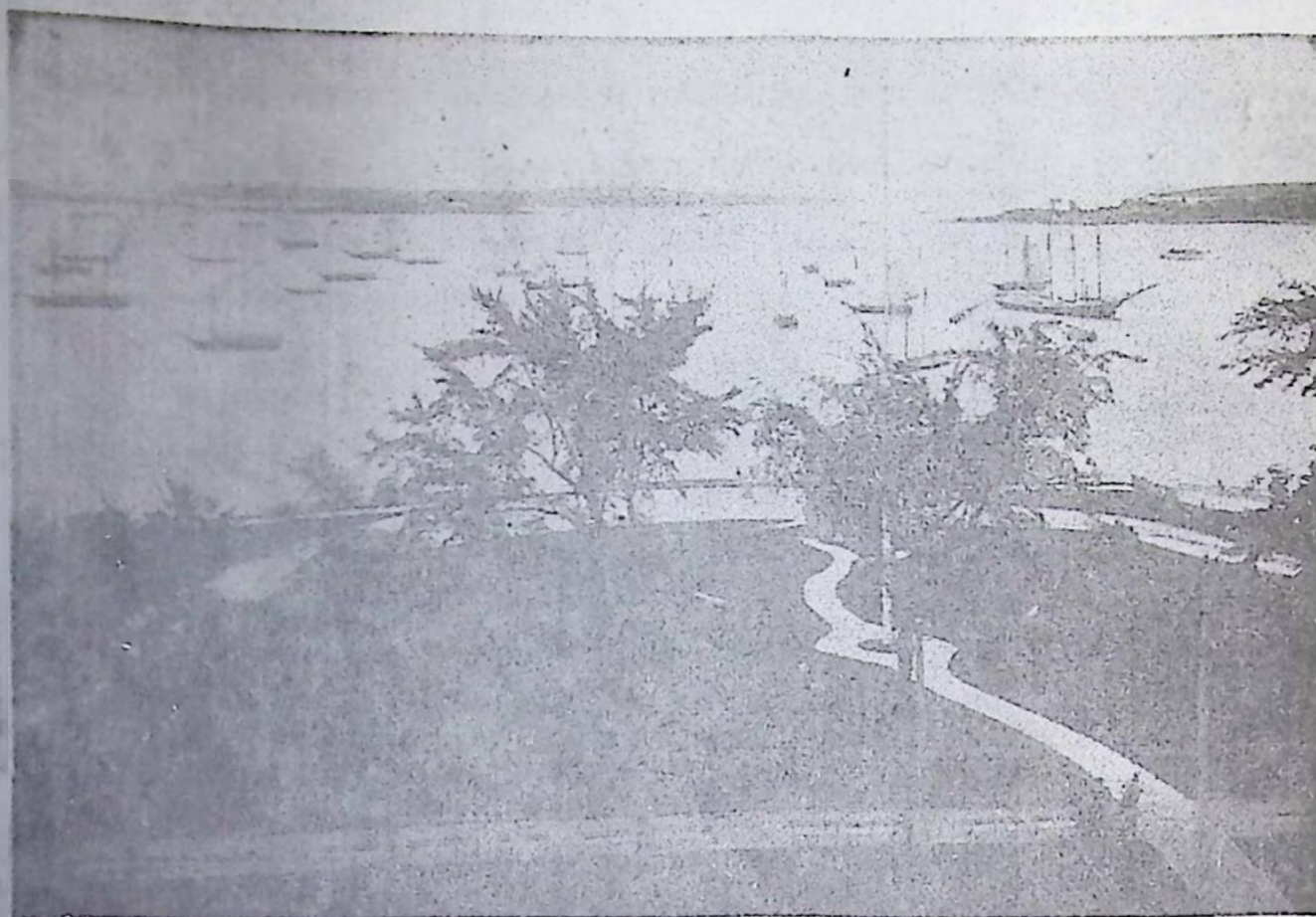
SACO — Ormand Prescott Sanborn, 87, died Wednesday morning at his home, 327 Ferry Road. He was chief of the Saco Fire Department in 1917-18.

Mr. Sanborn was born July 17, 1875, at Standish, son of John and Ruth Libby Sanborn.

He operated a blacksmith shop on Thornton Avenue until retiring a few years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lionel Cartwright of Andover, Mass.; two sons, Philip O. and Chester D., both of Saco; two brothers, William S., of South Gorham, and Delmar of Gorham; four sisters, Mrs. Merle Patrick, of Saybrook, Conn., Mrs. Nellie Libby and Mrs. Laura Butler, both of Essex, Conn., and Mrs. Wesley Washburn of South Gorham; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at 365 Main St. Interment will be in South Gorham.



Eastern Promenade In The 1900s

Two, three and four-masters crowded Portland Harbor when this picture was taken more than a half century ago. But only a few modifications appear in this picture and the scene today from Fort Allen Park.

A description written about 1900 says that the "sea lies 160 feet of sheer descent below, and an unlimited horizon stretches seaward."



Riverton Park's Casino on one bank of the Presumpscot River was part of the public park organized by the old Portland Street Railroad. Here visitors could attend performances at an outdoor theater,

enjoy shore dinners and dancing at the Casino. Canoeing also was popular at this once popular resort. This picture was taken about 1900.

Thurs. Jan. 19, 1961

Arthur H. Rollins

Arthur Hampton Rollins, 81, of 50 Middle street, Saco, died Wednesday evening at a hospital following a long illness. Born in Biddeford, January 1, 1880, he was the son of Orrin and Alice (Pillsbury) Rollins. He attended Biddeford schools and Thornton academy and retired 12 years ago from the Saco-Lowell shops. He was a member of the School Street Methodist church of Saco.

His only surviving relative is his widow, Mary (Gardner) Rollins.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Shumway Funeral home, 115 Spring street, Saco. Friends may call Friday between 7 and 9 p. m.

Biddeford-Saco Journal

Oren Edwards, 78, Former Biddeford City Official, Dies

BIDDEFORD—Oren B. Edwards Jr., 78, a lifelong resident of the Pool Road, died early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Edwards served several terms as a Republican alderman and is credited with getting water piped to the Pool Road and Hill's Brook during his term as road commissioner for the Pool Road area.

He was born in Biddeford May 11, 1884 the son of Oren B. and Florence Stackpole Edwards.

Mr. Edwards made his home at the family homestead on the Pool Road until a few years ago when he moved to the home of a daughter, Wilmont Bailey at Fort Rocks. The Edwards residence on the Pool Road has been occupied by the family for more than 200 years and is one of the landmarks in the city.

He was associated with his father in the express business for many years. He also operated a stable business and later a school bus service which he conducted for some 10 years.

Mr. Edwards was an active member of the South Biddeford Methodist Church and men's groups of the church.

His wife, the former Elsie Brackett, died in 1934.

Surviving are two sons, Robert of South Berwick and Ray of Biddeford; three daughters, Mrs. James Helms of Portland, Mrs. Lester Woodward of Biddeford, and Mrs. B. J. a sister, Mrs. W. Y. Morrill of Yarmouth, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.

Elizabeth Sylvester Publishing House Consultant, Dies

SACO — Miss Elizabeth Sylvester, 49, of Bay View, Saco, died Saturday evening at a Portland hospital.

She was born at Rockland, Mass., Dec. 23, 1912, daughter of Percy N. and Bertha Sawyer Sylvester. She was graduated from Weymouth, Mass., High School, Gorham State Teachers College, Boston University and obtained her master's degree at the University of Maine.

Miss Sylvester taught at the Burns School here for about five years, and for the past 17 years had been employed by Ginn Publishing Co. of Boston as head elementary education consultant.

She was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church, Saco; Annette Chapter, OES; Delta Kappa Gamma Society of York County; York County Branch of the American Association of University Women; Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Maine; honorary member of the National Honor Society, Pi Lambda Theta and Sigma Mu Sigma.

She is survived by her parents, both of Saco; a brother, Sawyer F. Sylvester, Melrose, Mass., and a nephew.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

has cottages which are individually owned.

Baxter, who said Wednesday he is purchasing the land as a protection for himself and the cottage owners, plans to sell each cottager the lot occu-



pled by his building. The arrangement in the past has been to lease the land on a long term basis.

THE PROPERTY being purchased by Garland appears part of the original land latter operated a summer camp there for some years.

Topsham's older residents recall that "you could pick up Indian arrowheads just about everywhere if you wanted to bother." The farm and the Pleasant Point Gun Club property adjoining it were meeting places for Indian tribes.

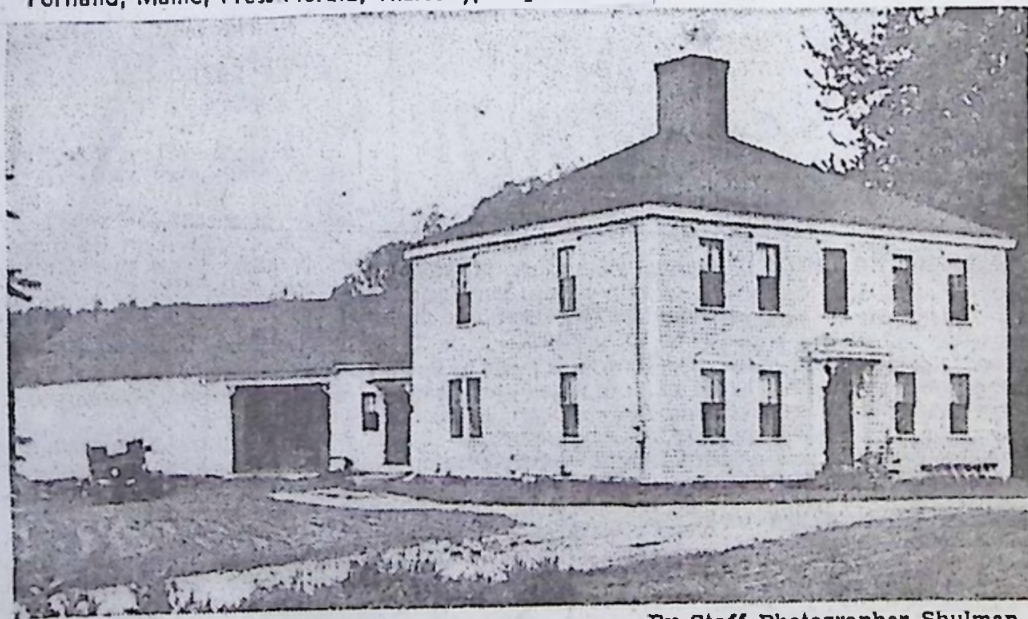
Garland's new home is approximately six miles from Topsham village on a dirt road. His closest year-round neighbor will be John L. Baxter, who built a modern home on the shore of Merrymeeting Bay some years ago.



KEENLY INTERESTED in the 200th anniversary observances planned for the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, in October are Mrs. Martha Hill, left, oldest member of the church at 101, and Miss Janet T. McChayne, right, parishioner with

the longest consecutive years of membership. Consulting with them is Rev. Harry A. Auflero, pastor and special advisor for the anniversary. Story on page 2.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Thursday, Aug. 23, 1962



By Staff Photographer Shulman
Topsham Farm Bought By Rep. Garland

Peter A. Garland Buys 60-Acre Farm On Pleasant Point, Merrymeeting Bay

Press Herald News Service
TOPSHAM — Peter A. Garland, whose bid for re-election to the U. S. House of Representatives, was nipped in the June primaries has purchased a 60-acre farm at Merrymeeting Bay.

John Jack of Topsham, joint owner of the property nearly 30 years, said the sale was completed Wednesday. It consists of a two-story house, said

to be one of the oldest in Topsham, and 60 acres of woods and farm land.

The site, near Pleasant Point, is considered one of the most desirable in the area.

REPORTS HERE are that Rep. Garland plans to renovate the house and to live there. It contains 10 rooms and still has much of the original paneling.

Jack said Wednesday, in ad-

dition to the farm sale to Garland, he and his brother, Judge Louis Jack of Lisbon, also are selling some 35 acres of land along Merrymeeting Bay to John L. Baxter of Topsham.

Much of the shore property owned by Thomas Gyles, one of Topsham's earliest settlers. The house, according to Jack and other long-time Topsham residents, is one of the oldest in town. It was known for years as the Douglas Place and then as the Dodd Place. The

Charles N. Shannon

Charles N. Shannon, 81, of 123 Elm street, Saco, died last night in a convalescent home in Rowley, Mass., after a long illness. A watchmaker by trade, he was employed for several years in Beverly, Mass., and at a jewelry store in Saco.

Born in Camden, N. J., August 13, 1881, son of James H. and Susan (Greenwood) Shannon, he was educated in the Saco schools. Later he moved to Salem, Mass., and worked in Beverly, and about 30 years ago he returned to work and live in Saco.

A member of Star King lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Salem, he was also a member of Washington chapter, Royal Arch Masons; of

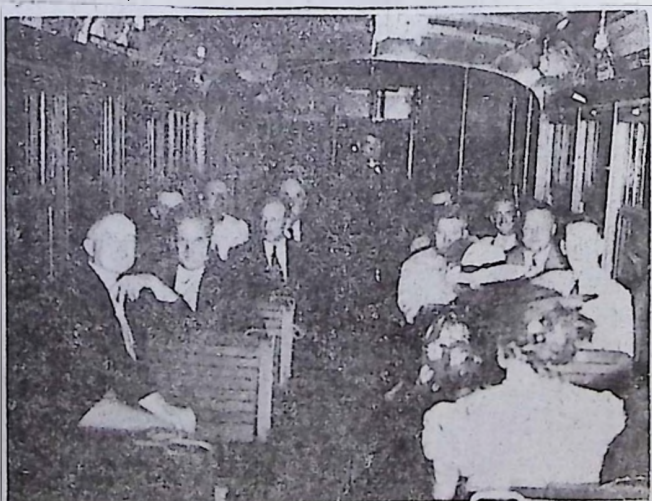
Winslow - Lewis Commandery, Knights Templar, and of Allepo Temple, Mystic shrine.

Survivors include a son, George Vaughan Shannon, Hamilton, Mass.; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will take place Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco. There are no calling hours.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, SATURDAY

EVENING, MAY 15 1954



LAST RIDE of the electric trolley cars in the Saco and Old Orchard Beach area was made in July, 1939, by a special party of Saco city government office holders. Eugene Hill was conductor for the ride which took the party over much of the area. At the end, Mayor Lewis Brock was supplied a heavy sledge and he smashed the car controls marking the end of that era of transportation. Others in the group pictured: Robert Alexander, Roland Emerson, Clinton Milliken, Edward O'Neill, George Dolby, George Butler, George Mapes, Paul Bertrand, Leon Libby, Robert Smith, Jennie Bowers and Mrs. Brock.

A list of a few of our Oldest Members

Member	Date Initiated	Residence
894 Arthur W. Andrews	Dec. 26, 1901	Saco, Me.
1099 George W. Lane, Jr.	Jan. 8, 1903	Lewiston, Me.
1217 Fred D. Gordon	Mar. 19, 1903	Portland, Me.
1430 Edward Warren Wheeler	June 18, 1903	Brunswick, Me.
1499 Bernard F. Mann	Nov. 19, 1903	Auburn, Me.
1514 John G. Coburn	Jan. 28, 1904	Lewiston, Me.
1757 H. P. Andrews	Dec. 14, 1905	Springfield, Mass.
1781 A. J. Stearns	Feb. 22, 1906	Norway, Me.
1801 Arthur C. Morrill	Apr. 19, 1906	Lynn, Mass.
1918 W. B. Skelton	Aug. 24, 1906	Lewiston, Me.
1925 Frank W. Winter	Aug. 24, 1906	Auburn, Me.
100 years old, June 1, 1962		
1933 Wallace E. Webber	Aug. 24, 1906	Lewiston, Me.
1943 Frank C. Allen	Nov. 2, 1906	Portland, Me.
1978 James L. Holland	Nov. 2, 1906	York Village, Me.

Kora Temple Statistics

Copy of a questionnaire recently received from the Imperial Council, Chicago, Illinois. It is answered as follows:

How many living Past Potentates does your Temple have? 23.
What is the year of service of your oldest living Past Potentate? 1922.

What is the age of your oldest living Noble? 100 years and 3 months.

What is the name of your oldest living Noble in point of membership? Arthur W. Andrews.

What date was he made a Noble? December 26, 1901.

Does your membership include any family of members, such as father and four or five sons, etc.? No.

Are there any instances of three or more generations in a family holding membership in your Temple? No.

Does your list of past (living or dead) and present officers include any instances of members of the same family?

Edward S. Stetson, Potentate 1906 (deceased), son Harvey L. Stetson, Potentate 1932 (deceased).

Walter L. Emerson, Potentate 1924, son Walter L. Emerson, Jr., Potentate 1949.

Harold A. Carman, Potentate 1953, son John E. Carman, Potentate 1962.

HISTORY SPEAKS

Let history speak. Do you think it was a mere coincidence that the Boston Tea Party, protesting against tyranny, was planned and carried out by Masons? Do you think it is a mere accident that the Declaration of Independence reads as if it were taken from the Masonic ritual and that most of the signers were Masons?

Have you considered the significance of the fact that if only four members of the convention that framed our Constitution had retired, the convention could have been opened in form as a Lodge of Masons?

No wonder that it has been said that the Constitution of the United States is Masonry put into political practice.

Was it by chance that Washington and most of his generals were Masons, or that our first national President took the oath of office on a Bible taken from a Masonic altar, and that the oath was administered by the Grand Master of New York?

Portland, Maine, Press Herald

Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Thursday, July 5, 1962

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1963

CHARLES K. FENDERSON

SACO — Charles Kennard Fenderson, 77, of 25 Cross St. died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at his residence.

Born here Feb. 13, 1886 the son of James H. and Ada Kennard Fenderson, he was educated in the local schools and graduated from Thornton Academy. For several years he worked for his father in a Saco jewelry business.

During World War I he was a secretary for the YMCA, serving with the AEF forces in France.

He was employed by the Portland Nash Co. for about seven years and later was again associated with his father's jewelry business. He retired from the Saco Lowell Shops seven years ago.

He was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church, a member of the Portland Men's Singing Club, and the Portland Polyphonic Society, the Portland Club, and the Portland Lions Club. He was for many years active in church choir work in both Saco and Portland.

He is survived by his widow, Bertha King Fenderson; a son Charles W. Fenderson; and a granddaughter, all of Saco.

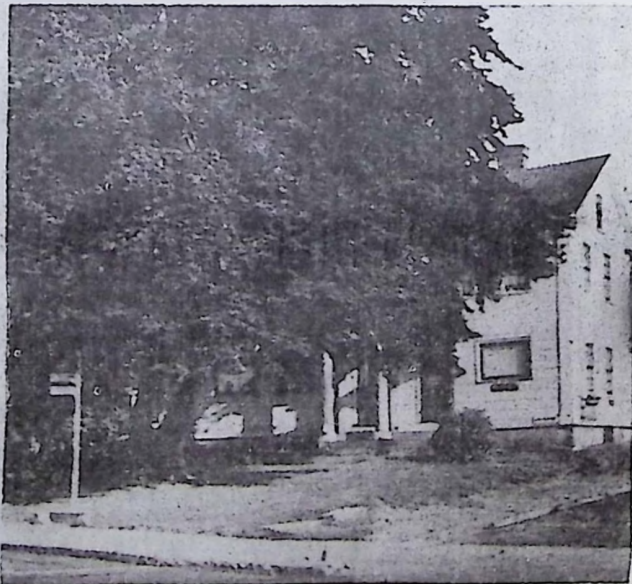
Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



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Biddeford's Oldest Houses



The Dearborn-Bacon-Warren house, 26 South street, takes its name from its various owners. Joseph Dearborn, Dr. Alvan Bacon, and Dr. Frank Warren. Joseph Dearborn built the house about 1810 on the site of a famous Biddeford inn that had entertained such figures as Sir William Pepperell and John Adams. However the Dearborn house was never an inn. During its nearly 150 years the house has been somewhat remodelled, but the lines of the front, other than the portico and large windows, are still about as they were in its early days. This house is also notable for the great copper beech that stands in front. This tree, rare in Maine, is said to have been brought here from farther south by a member of the Bacon family. The tree is known to be more than 75 years old.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

Biddeford Pool, One Of Maine's Loveliest

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1960

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ONCE UPON A TIME...



Old Orchard In 1905

This view of Old Orchard Beach was taken in 1905. The hotel at far left is the Albert. The hotel next to it is the Velvet. In the center back-

ground is the famous pier casino (From the collection of Mrs. Lee McDonough, Westbrook)

d, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1962

MRS. ELIZABETH BURNIE

BIDDEFORD—Mrs Elizabeth Wallace Burnie, 88, of 19 Herring Ave., died Tuesday afternoon in a local nursing home after a long illness. She was the widow of James Burnie.

Mrs. Burnie was born in Saco, Dec. 30 1873, the daughter of William and Clarabelle Leavitt Hunt, and was educated in schools of that city.

She was a member of the White Congregational Church here and a member and oldest past matron of Adah Chapter, OES.

She is survived by a brother, Fred Hunt of York, two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. from 365 Main St., Saco, and entombment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Biddeford.

**BIDDEFORD-SACO,
NOVEMBER 2, 1962**

Gertrude L. Gove

Mrs. Gertrude L. Gove, 89, a former resident of 199 Alfred street, Biddeford, died yesterday at a local hospital following a long illness. She was the widow of Clarence Gove.

Born December 3, 1872, at Biddeford, she was a daughter of Albert G. and Rosabella (Wadlin) Lunt. She graduated in 1891 from Biddeford High school and belonged to the Biddeford Second Congregational (White) church. She was a former member of the Thursday club, Biddeford, and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Philip H. Rider, Stamford, Conn.; two granddaughters, Mrs. Charles Q. MacDonough, III, and Mrs. Rendall R. Strawbridge, Jr.; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m., from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

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Saturday, June 1, 1963

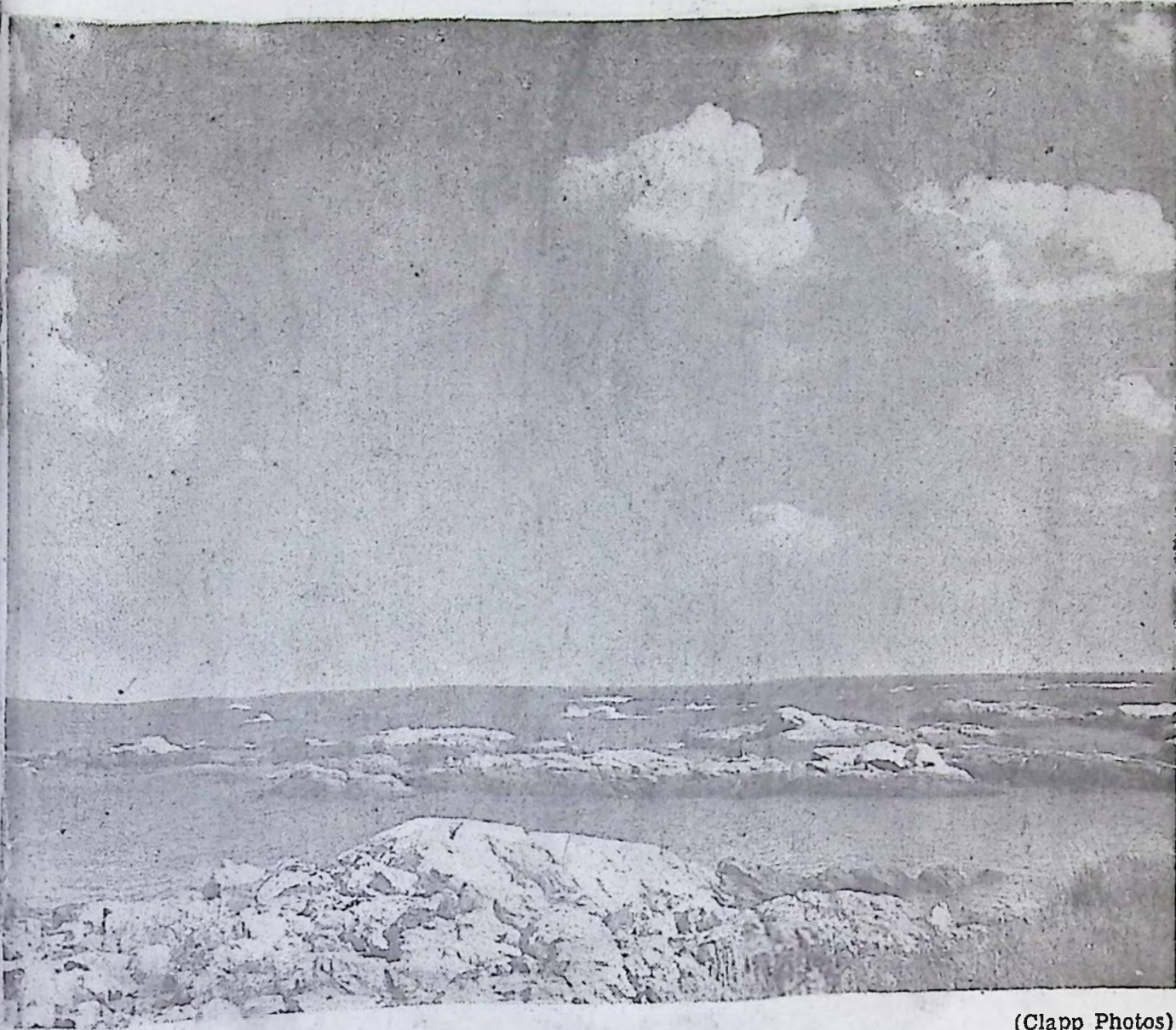
MRS. E. JEANNETTE DEAN

SANFORD—Mrs. E. Jeannette Dean, 89, of 77A main St., formerly of Biddeford, died Friday at Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital here following a brief illness.

She was born at Biddeford July 25, 1873, daughter of James and Sarah Jane Wells Beaumont and had resided here the last seven years. She was a 50-year member of Adah Chapter, OES, Biddeford and also a member of the Thursday Club of Biddeford. She attended St. George's Episcopal Church here and was a member of St. Elizabeth's Guild of the church.

She is survived by a son, Paul W. Dean, Biddeford; two daughters, Miss Jeannette B. Dean, this town, and Miss Elizabeth Dean, Portland; and a grandchild and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. George's Episcopal Church. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.



(Clapp Photos)

Best Spots To Relax On The Shore Or Fish

AUGUST 13, 1953

Way Back When - - In Biddeford

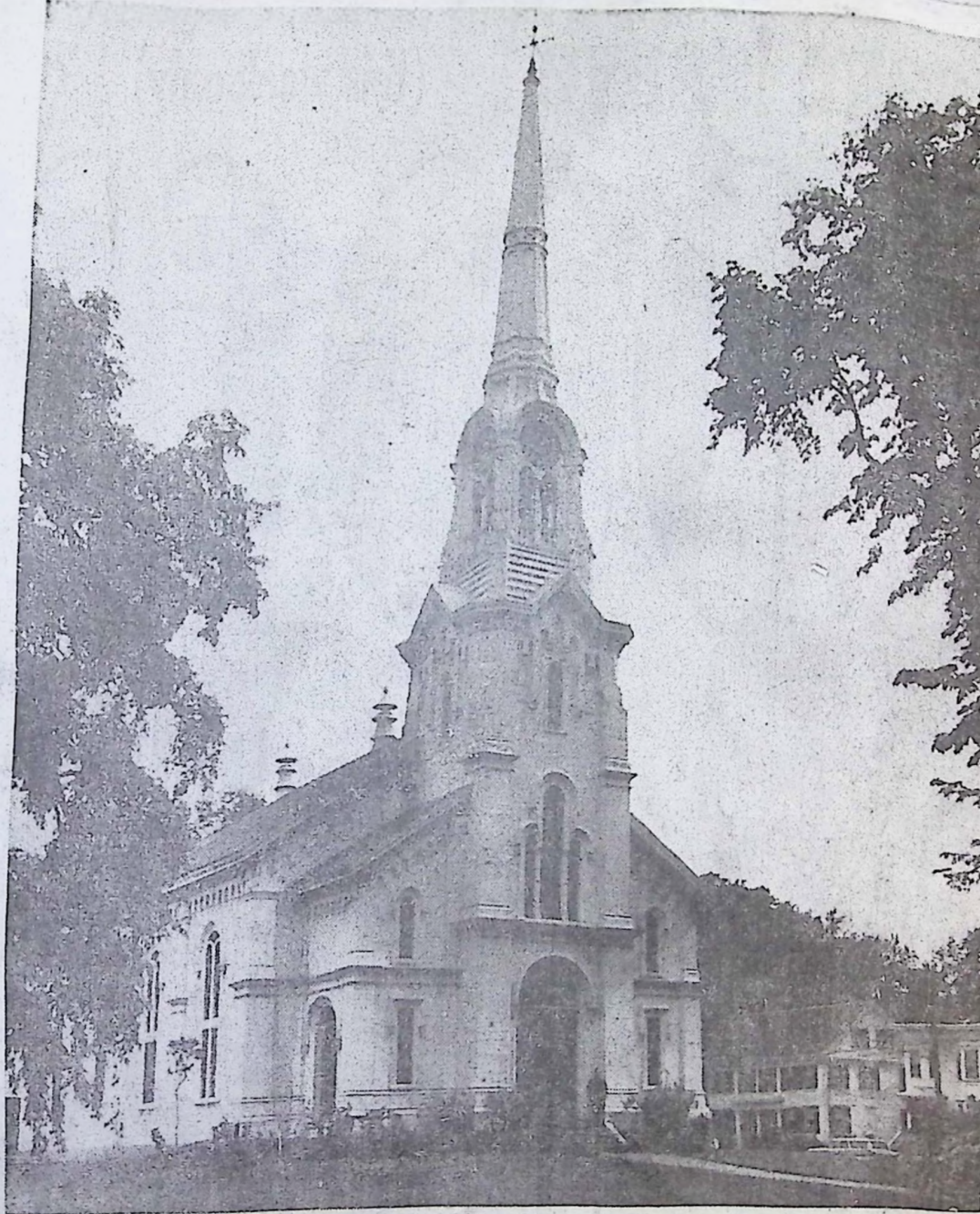


Above is a 1911 edition of a milk wagon team, which was operated by the Morin dairy, Goodwins Mills. Leaning against the tree on the left is Charles Huot, Old Orchard Beach, a former selectman, and the boy beside him is his brother, Ar-

dello, also of Old Orchard Beach. Driving the team is Ludger Caouette, 136 Emery street, this city. The house in the background was owned at the time by Dr. Leo Paul Girard, a former mayor of Biddeford.

Biddeford Journal Engraving

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First Parish Church, Saco

When you read the history of this marvelous old church in Saco we just know you'll be hunting by word of mouth for all the various articles to help the First Congregational Church in Saco celebrate its 200th anniversary in October.

Mrs. Harry S. Nielson, 265 Beach St., Saco, writes "Knowing the searching power of Clearing House we are hoping that friends of the column will help us locate anything of interest concerning First Parish—from 1762 to 1962."

"We are anxious to locate mementos of any sort—pictures, anecdotes, articles—just anything pertaining to the church. All of these will be contained in an exhibit covering the 200 years."

"We would like particularly to locate and borrow the original Communion Service. This was

either given to another church or sold at the time First Parish received its present service.

"Needless to say, anything anyone lends us will be given the best of care and will be returned after the observance in October."

The First Congregational Church in Saco was formally organized Oct. 13, 1762. It was then in Pepperellborough. Saco originally comprised the territory on both sides of the Saco River and was so known until June 1718, when the name became Biddeford. The Eastern division, the present Saco was set off as a new township under name of Pepperellborough, June 8, 1762. It was so designated until 1805 when the name Saco was restored.

The First Church in West Saco, now Biddeford was organized in 1770. The first house of worship in our 1962 had been con-

prior to this in 1757 on what is now Pepperell Park near the site of the Unitarian Church. This was occupied by the Parish until 1805 when a new building was erected on the corner of Main and Beach Streets, which was "admired as being the most attractive and most costly church edifice at that time in the State."

After more than a half century of service it was destroyed by fire on the morning of the first Sabbath in July, 1860. The present church as completed in 1863.

This church felt the difficulties of all churches at the time in which it began its work—"a day of clouds and thick darkness through all our borders." It was the time of the War for Independence. During the first 36 years only nine were received into membership in full communion. During the next 12 years 25 were received.

"Prior to 1811 this was the only church in Saco. The Congregational Society retained its connection with the town until 1825, when it was set off as the First Parish."

The 100th anniversary of the church was observed with public services Oct. 12, 1862. The Rev. Edward S. Dwight, sixth pastor delivered an historical address.

On Jan. 19, 1903, the church and parish united, becoming a corporation with the title of 'First Parish Congregational Church'. The corporation adopted its constitution and by-laws, Jan. 23 and 30, 1903. In February 1903 the City of Saco gave the Society a deed of the lot on which the church stands."

Please send replies to Miss Elvira Lord, Cleveland St., Saco.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald

Monday, March 6, 1963

MRS. PAULINE P. JORDAN

SACO—Mrs. Pauline P. Jordan, 65, died suddenly Tuesday noon at her home at 100 Main St. She was the widow of R. Pierpont Jordan.

Mrs. Jordan was born in Cornish Sept. 13, 1897, the daughter of Walter P. and Effie Littlefield Perkins.

She was educated in Cornish schools and was a graduate of Wellesley College. Mrs. Jordan was a member of the Wellesley Club, Saco Public Health Service, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, American Association of University Women.

She was a member of the board of directors of the Laurel Hill Cemetery and the Wardwell Home. She was also an active member of the Republican Party; and former member of the Cornish Congregational Church.

Surviving are two brothers, Walter S. and Elliot P. both of Portland, and three nephews.

Private funeral services will be held at her residence Friday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald

Monday, July 16, 1962

CHARLES A. STACY

SACO — Charles A. Stacy, 90, died Saturday afternoon after an illness. He was the oldest living graduate of Dartmouth Academy.

He was born May 27, 1872, son of Owen and Hannah Hubbard Stacy. Mr. Stacy was a salesman for a military concern for many years. He was a former resident of Boston and for many years had represented C. A. Brown & Co. of Cuba.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth S. Stackhouse, wife of a nephew, Roger L. Stacy, Richmond, Va.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday from 10 Summer St., Kennebunk, with the Rev. John Simpson of the Second Congregational Church of Wells officiating. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.

Sunday, July 13, 1962



Clifford H. Bennett



BUILT IN the early 1800's as the second structure to be erected by members of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, was this church, the first edifice to be built on the present location at the corner of Main and Beach streets. Apparently completed in 1805, the church pictured here burned to the ground in 1860. It contained the original Paul Revere bell and a lantern in the tower.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald,
Friday, Nov. 2, 1962

MRS. GERTRUDE L. GOVE

BIDDEFORD—Mrs. Gertrude L. Gove, 89, a former resident of 199 Alfred St., died Thursday afternoon at a local hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of Clarence Gove.

Mrs. Gove was born here Dec. 3, 1872, daughter of Albert G. and Rosabella Wadlin Lunt.

She was a member of the 1891 graduating class at Biddeford High School.

Mrs. Gove was a member of the Second Congregational Church, and a former member of the Thursday Club and the E and I Union of Saco.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Philip Rider of Stamford Conn.; two granddaughters, Mrs. Charles Q. MacDonough III and Mrs. Rendall R. Stravbridge Jr., and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.

which could be seen for miles. The tall elm trees which grace the lawn in front of the present church were mere saplings at the time this engraving was made. Yesterday's re-dedication service marked the final event in the series of activities marking the 200th anniversary of First Parish church.

Portland, Maine, Sunday
Telegram, March 24, 1963

MRS. LILLIAN M. ALLEN

SACO — Mrs. Lillian M. Allen, former local tax collector, died at her home at 46 Middle St. here Saturday.

She had lived here 49 years, and was a former resident of Portland. She was the widow of George S. Allen.

She was born in Canada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. David Murray.

Mrs. Allen was a member of the First Parish Congregational

'Monument In Saco Unveiled 57 Years Ago

Thoughts of another Memorial Day celebration held 57 years ago in Saco will be recalled by some of her citizens. A printed program of the event yellow with age, was recently turned in as a document of local historical interest.

On that May 30th in 1907 the imposing Saco Soldiers Monument in Eastman Park was formally unveiled and dedicated as a permanent memorial to those who gave their lives for their country in past wars.

According to the faded program Lindley M. Binford was the presiding dignitary of the dedication. The unveiling of the monument was in charge of John Haley, librarian of the Dyer Library, assisted by Miss Harriet Lord, who drew the cords of the cloth covering the statue at the top of the granite column.

The presentation speech was made by Fred C. Bradbury, a Saco undertaker of the period. Saco's mayor of 1907, Dr. Harry A. Weymouth, accepted the monument for the city.

A poem written by C.S. Weeks, listed simply as a veteran of the Civil War, was read by Rev. J. F. Tilton. Other ministers taking part in the ceremony were Rev. Carl M. Gates, Rev. J. B. Jordan Rev. Smith Baker of Portland, who gave the main address, and Rev. Rufus Horton Jones.

Jones, the newly arrived minister of the Saco Trinity Episcopal Church, tragically lost his life at the great fire at Old Orchard Beach later in 1907 when, he as a spectator, was killed by an exploding gas tank from one of the burning buildings.

Painchaud's Band of Biddeford provided music for the parade on Main Street which preceded the dedication even as it did for the parade and services of 1963.

Underscoring the fact that this was an important event for the city was the note at the bottom of the program which said "At the conclusion of the exercises all soldier and invited guests will march to the City Hall where dinner will be served at twelve o'clock".

Church of Saco. She was past matron of Annette Chapter, OES; a charter member and treasurer of the ENI Union, and was active for many years in the Republican Party.

Mrs. Allen also was executive secretary of the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross during World War II.

She is survived by a son, Donald P. Allen, Biddeford; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Burnham, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Christine MacLeod, Saco; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Monday from 76 State St., Gorham. Interment will be in Eastern Cemetery.

Biddeford-Saco Journal

Thursday, June 13, 1963

Morrill Harper

Morrill Harper, 74, of 30 Spring

Biddeford-Saco Journal,
Friday, April 26, 1963

Elizabeth Calderwood

Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill Calderwood, 57, of 295 Elm street, Biddeford, died yesterday at a Biddeford hospital.

Born March 5, 1906, at Saco, she was the daughter of Asa and Eva (Ladd) Merrill. She was educated in Saco schools and was a graduate of Thornton academy and the Webber Hospital School of Nursing. She continued her education at Columbia university Teachers college and had served as surgical supervisor at the Presbyterian hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. She completed a post-graduate course in medical nursing at Bellevue hospital, New York City, and had a long affiliation at the Webber hospital, Biddeford, 10 years of which she served as supervisor of nurses.

She was a member and past matron of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Biddeford; a past grand matron of the Grand Chapter of Maine, O.E.S.; and had served as chairman of the International Eastern Star Temple committee of the General Grand Chapter, O.E.S. At the time of her death she was the president of the Thursday club and took an active part in many civic clubs in the community. She was a member of the Biddeford Second Congregational (White) church.

Surviving are her widower, Arnold D. Calderwood; three daughters, Mrs. Nancy L. Burnham, Fort Collins, Colo., Mrs. Shirley C. Stallings, of Germany, and Miss Candace B. Calderwood, Biddeford; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Burnham, Saco; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 p. m. from the Biddeford Second Congregational church, Crescent street. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, from 1 to 9 p. m. today. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

St., Saco, died this morning at his home following a long illness.

Born November 24, 1888 at Waterboro, he was the son of John and Mary (Shackley) Harper. For the past 42 years he has operated a grain store at Saco, and prior to that was a Biddeford milk dealer for about 10 years. He attended the Saco First Parish Congregational Church and was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F and AM, Biddeford; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar; a 32nd degree Mason and member of Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; a member of Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Saco; the York County Fish and Game Club; Camp Ellis Rod and Gun Club; a life-member of Saco Grange; and commodore-emeritus of the Saco Yacht Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence (Scamman) Harper; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence N. Emerson and Mrs. Clifford C. Swan, Saco; three sons, John C., Saco, Samuel J., Falmouth, and Joseph M., Saco; a brother, Richard S. Harper, Biddeford; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco, where friends may call Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Monday, March 21, 1960

Noted Clubwoman, Emma Bradbury, Dies At Hospital

Mrs. Emma Bradbury, 81, widow of James H. Bradbury, a prominent Biddeford clubwoman, died early Sunday morning at a local hospital. She was a resident of 24 May street.

Born in 1871 in Reading, Mass., daughter of Franklin and Fannie (Clark) Richardson, she came to Biddeford four years later. She was educated in the local schools and graduated from Biddeford High school in 1890. She joined the Alumni association the year.

She was one of the oldest members of the Thursday club; a Past Matron of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Past Matrons association, OES, and for nearly 20 years a member of the credential committee of the Grand Chapter, OES. She belonged to the Hospital Aid, and was a past president of the U. S. Grand Relief corps. She attended the Second Congregational church, Biddeford, where she was active in church projects.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Burke, Kennebunk; two granddaughters, Miss Clara F. Emerson, Biddeford, and Mrs. E. A. Pierce, Jr., Harland; two grandsons, James B. Kennebunk, and Michael Kennebunk, Abington, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a. m. from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends may call Tuesday from 7 to 9 p. m.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

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Annie Innes

Miss Annie Innes, a long time resident of Saco, died last night at a Biddeford nursing home at the age of 97. Born in Drummondville, Quebec, March 9, 1863, she was the daughter of Duncan W. and Agnes (Johnston) Innes. She was educated in the Saco public school and attended the old Saco high school. She was a member of the Saco Trinity Episcopal church since 1876 and probably was one of the oldest members of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. She was a member of the Trinity Guild for many years.

Following employment in the spinning department of the York Mills she served as a bookkeeper

for the D. F. Littlefield company, Saco, retiring in 1946.

Survivors include four nephews, Philip I. Towle, Buxton, Lawrence W. Towle, West Hartford, Conn., Lowell Innes, Saco, Paul D. Innes, Buxton, and two nieces, Mrs. George Erickson, Buxton, and Mrs. David Wiggins, Portland.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a. m. from the Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, with interment in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, on Tuesday, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Tuesday, April 2, 1963

MISS ANNIE INNES

SACO — Miss Annie Innes, 97, a long time resident of this city died Sunday evening at a Biddeford nursing home following a long illness.

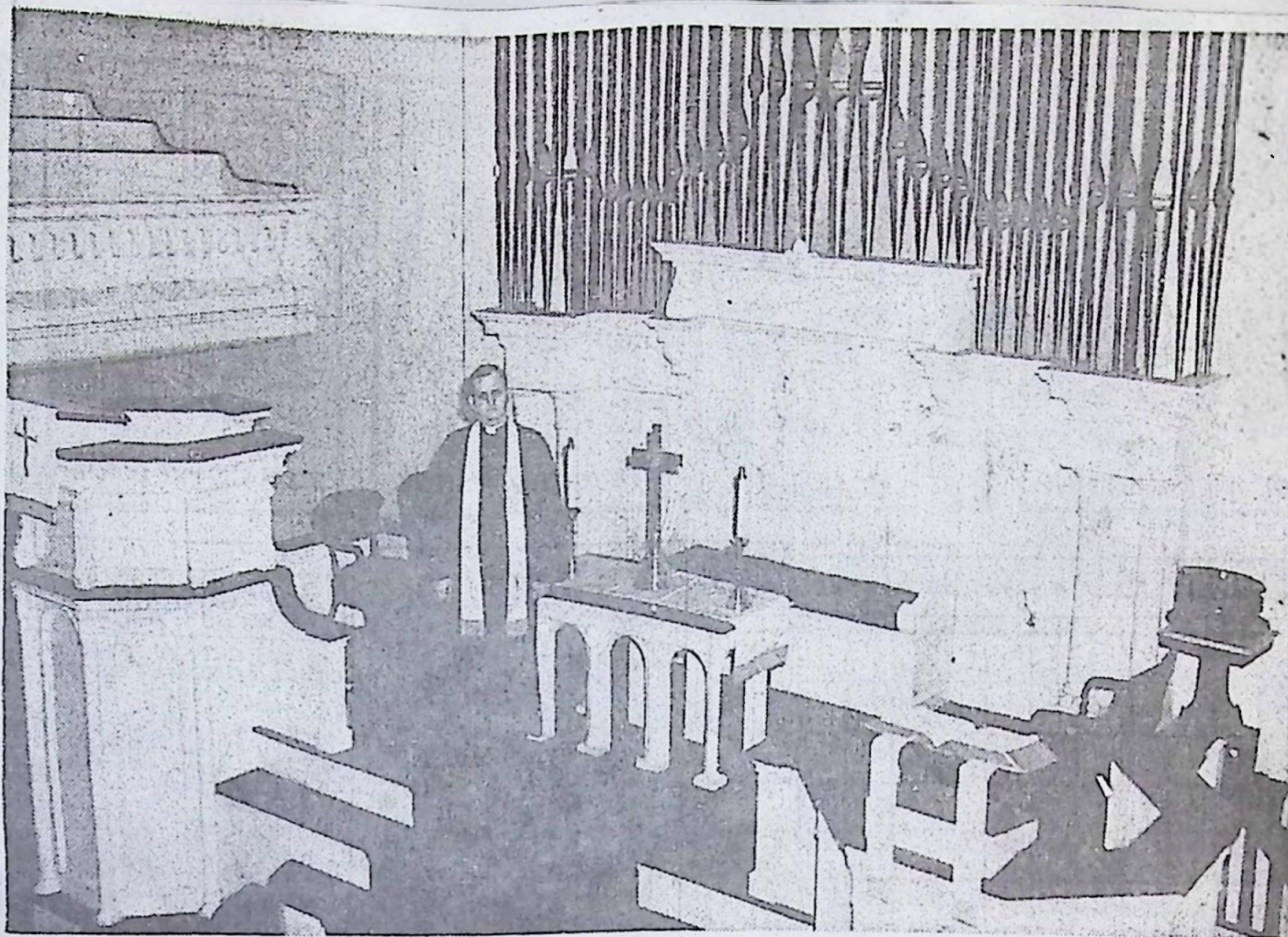
She was born at Drummondville, Que., March 9, 1866, daughter of Duncan and Agnes Johnston Innes. She was educated in the public schools here and attended Saco High School.

Miss Innes was employed in the spinning department of the York Mills many years and later as a bookkeeper for the D. F. Littlefield Produce Co. until her retirement in 1946.

She had been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church since 1876 and is believed to be one of the oldest members of the Episcopal Diocese in the State of Maine. She was also a member of the church's Trinity Guild.

Surviving are four nephews, Philip I. Towle of Buxton, Lawrence W. Towle of West Hartford, Conn., Lowell Innes of this city and Paul D. Innes of Buxton; two nieces, Mrs. George Erickson of Buxton and Mrs. David Wiggins of Portland.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Wednesday from the Trinity Episcopal Church. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.



Rev. Harry Aufiero

Clearing House

Saco Church Seeks Articles To Observe 200th Anniversary

Portland (Me.) Press Herald, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1960

ONCE UPON A TIME...



Hotel Fiske At Beach

This picture of Hotel Fiske at Old Orchard Beach was taken in the early part of the century. (From the

collection of Mrs. Idella McDonough, Westbrook)

Monday, April 15, 1963



CUTTING the decorated cake as part of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw, 14 Goodall avenue, Saco. The anniversary open house for the couple was held yesterday from 2 to 4 p. m. at the School Street Methodist church by Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cranshaw, Miss Carolyn Cranshaw and Thomas Cranshaw, members of the family. Two money trees were received by the honored couple.

Saco Couple Feted On Wedding Anniversary

A 50th wedding anniversary open house was held Saturday at the School Street Methodist church, Saco, for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw, 14A Goodale avenue, Saco, with a decorated cake and two money trees highlighting the event.

Members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cranshaw, Miss Carolyn Cranshaw and Thomas Cranshaw, assisted by the various church societies, presented the event.

The table centerpiece was of yellow mums and snapdragons and a mixed bouquet, while the vestry was decorated with gold and white streamers donated by the Fireside club. Gifts and the shower of cards were in charge of Thomas Cranshaw and Donald West, while the punch bowl was in charge of Mrs. Reece Allard and Mrs. Linwood Rumery Jr. Mrs. Al Brydahn handled the guest book.

Pouvoirs were Mrs. LaDora Gannon, Mrs. William A. Durr, Miss Carolyn Cranshaw, Miss Ivy Cranshaw, Mrs. Stephanie Butler,

Miss Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Wilbur Cranshaw and Mrs. Thomas Walthe. Serving was done by members of the E. and L. club and the W.S.C.S. and included: Mrs. Edward Fairfield, Mrs. Hugh Car-Basel Libby, Mrs. and Mrs. Ed-ward Dawley, Mrs. Sidney Griffith, Mrs. Ralph Parslow, Mrs. Frank Bell Jr. and Mrs. Paul Cobb.

Among those present were, Mrs. William A. Durr, Wetsfield, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cranshaw, Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cranshaw, Mrs. Florence Cranshaw, Mrs. Ethel Flanders, Miss Ivy Cranshaw, Miss Gale Bushnell, Harvey Flanders, Robert A. Cranshaw, Donald Cranshaw, Miss Hazel Lundy, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkham, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kent, Mrs. Asa Kent, Miss Bertha Cranshaw, Miss Sarah Harding, Miss Lillian Taylor, all from Lawrence, Mass.; Miss Mildred Gage, Andover, Mass.; Mrs. Reece Allard, Dover, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Youngman,



Wed 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw, Goodale Ave., Saco, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, were honored at an open house Saturday at the School Street Methodist Church. They were married at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Lawrence, Mass., April 2, 1913. Mrs. Cranshaw is the former Annie M. Trees. The Cranshaws came to Saco in 1930. Mr. Cranshaw is a former manager of the Cushing Grain Co. in Biddeford and later worked as a checker at the Saco-Lowell Shops until retiring in 1950. Both are members of the School Street Methodist Church. They have a son, Henry L., who is Maine state controller at Augusta. (By Staff Photographer Bob Clapp)

N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gagnon, Goffstown, N. H.; Mrs. Roy Stewart, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. Calista Morse, Belfast; Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cranshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Drapeau, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drapeau, Miss Carolyn Cranshaw and Thomas Cranshaw, all from Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Halton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas West, Donald West, Thomas West, Kittery; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Allen, Sanford; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pillsbury, Scarborough; Mrs. Linwood Rumery Jr., Fortunes Rocks; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Groves, Mrs. Ted Johnson and Mrs. Elmer Sawyer, Ocean Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Langmaid, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fairfield, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gannon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parslow, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Verrill, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-ward Libby, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-iam Borden, Mr. and Mrs. Stan-ley Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. Nor-

1947 forest fires, she served as executive secretary of the York county chapter, Red Cross. She was a past malron of Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Saco; a charter member and treasurer of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco; and president of the York County branch, Federated Women clubs. She was a member of the Saco First Parish Congregational church.

Surviving are one son, Donald P. Allen, Biddeford; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Burnham, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Christine MacLeod, Saco; a niece, Miss Janet MacLeod, Saco; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 from the Neal Funeral home, State street, Gorham, with Rev. Birger T. Johnson, Portland, former pastor at the Saco First Parish Congregational church, officiating. Burial will be in Eastern cemetery, Gorham.

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Tuesday, April 2, 1963

Harry Smith, Sr.

Harry Linwood Smith, Sr., 75, of 562 Main street, Saco, retired, Pepperell Manufacturing company plant superintendent died early this morning at a Portland hospital.

Born in Saco February 24, 1922, he was a son of Abbott L. and Cora (Bean) Smith. Educated in Saco schools he had been employed at the Pepperell Manufacturing company from 1963 until his retirement as plant superintendent in 1955. He was a full member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was a licensed professional engineer in Maine.

THOMAS H. HOOPER

SACO—Thomas Henry Hooper, 78, of 505 Main St., died unexpectedly Saturday night at a local hospital.

He was born in Chester County, England, Aug. 13, 1884, son of Jason C. and Ella Berry Hooper. He came to this country at an early age and was educated in local schools and at Thornton Academy.

Mr. Hooper was employed by the York Mfg. Co. but since 1906 worked for Saco Post Office.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Saco Lodge, AF and AM, and master in 1920-21.

Mr. Hooper was a Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter and its high priest in 1922; a master in the Maine Council in 1930-31, a knight in Bradford Commandery and its commander in 1926-27, a deputy master of the 19th District of the Grand Lodge of Maine in

1934-35, and grand master of the Grand Council in 1940.

He also was a member of the Maine Council of High Priesthood, the Past Officers Association Square and Compass Club of Sanford, and the Maine Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of Cora Temple Shrine Adah Chapter, OES, Biddeford, and the Amaranth King Court of Saco.

He is survived by his widow, Marcia Hill Hooper, and one sister, Miss Maude Ross of Washington.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. from 365 Main St. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

He was a member of the Biddeford First Universalist church; Dunlap lodge, F and AM, Biddeford; York chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Saco; Maine Council; Scottish Rites; Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; and Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Saco.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elsie (Boston) Smith; two daughters, Mrs. Russell D. Bonney, Cape Elizabeth, and Mrs. Lawrence Dolly, Saco; two sons, Comdr. Raymond Smith, U.S. Navy, and Harry L. Smith, Jr., Old Orchard Beach; 13 grandchildren and one niece.

Private funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. from his late home, and burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Deans

Thomas H. Hooper

Thomas Henry Hooper, 78, of 505 Main street, Saco, died suddenly Saturday night.

Born August 13, 1874 in Chester County, England, he was the son of Jason C. and Ella (Berry) Hooper. He came here at an early age and was educated in Saco Public schools and Thornton academy. For a short time he was employed at the York Manufacturing company, and in 1906 he

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Bustling Hub In The '90s

The quaint dress of the three schoolchildren in foreground keys this photo of the old Union Station taken in the 1890s before the right wing was built. Horse-drawn carts and wagons are lined along the loading platforms. Today the historic station, once the bustling hub of Maine's booming

freight and passenger railroad service, is gone. In its place stands a modern shopping center, complete with huge parking lot for the automobiles which put the horse-drawn drays and the station itself out of business.

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HONORED on the occasion of his 94th birthday was Arthur W. Andrews, of 79 Middle St., Saco, who was feted at a birthday dinner at Leedy's Coffee House. Mr. Andrews is a 50-year member of the Mystic Shrine and active in Masonic circles, and is also a member of the York Wheelmen's Club. He is the grandson of Seleucus Adams, at one time a prominent York County citizen.

Monday, March 1, 1945

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MRS. ELLA M. MORSE

SACO — Mrs. Ella M. Morse, 89, of 43 Middle St., died today at her home.

She was born in Westport, Mass., Nov. 17, 1875, daughter of William R. and Emma Thompson Benjamin.

Mrs. Morse was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco, the Massachusetts, Annette Chapter, and the Rebekah Lodge of Saco.

Surviving are two sons, Gordon B. of Sallins, Conn., and Donald C. of Glen Rock, N.J.; three grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a nephew.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Main St., with interment in South Portland.

Miss Lillian Agnes Chapin, 74, prominent for many years in Saco Unitarian Church affairs, died suddenly yesterday at her home on the Portland Road, Saco.

Born March 26, 1890, at Greatby, Mass., she was the daughter of Dorner F. and Anna (Deering) Chapin. She came to Saco in 1893 with her parents and was educated in local schools. She graduated from Thornton Academy in 1909 and from Gorham Normal School in 1912, and in 1952 she celebrated her 50th anniversary of graduation from the normal school, now known as Gorham State Teachers College. She taught schools in East Saco, Saco, Westbrook and Saco for a number of years.

For over 50 years she has taught Sunday School classes at the Saco Second Parish Unitarian Church, serving as Sunday School superintendent. She also served as president of the Social Circle of the church and president of the Unitarian Women's Association. For the past 24 years she has been president of the Unitarian Church organization.

Biddeford-Saco Journal
Thursday, April 9, 1964

Erwin R. Gowen

Erwin R. Gowen, 74, of 112 Elm St., Saco, died at his home Wednesday noon.

Born in Biddeford on May 26, 1889, he was the son of Erwin S. and Genevieve (Wales) Gowen. Educated in Biddeford schools, Gowen graduated from Biddeford High School. Later he worked for his father in his blacksmith shop in Biddeford. For over 40 years he was employed for the E. Corey Company of Portland.

A World War I veteran, Gowen was a charter member of the Tighe - Beaudoin - Farley, American Legion Post, and a past commander of the post.

He was the organizer of the famed Philip Tighe Drum and Bugle Corps, which was recognized throughout the country as a first place trophy winning group at National American Legion conventions in St. Louis, Chicago, Boston and California. He served for many years as drum major of the drum corps.

Gowen was a member of the Kora Temple Shrine; Bradford Commandery; Dunlap Lodge, F. and A.M.; and Adah Chapter, O.E.S. He served as a deputy sheriff in the York County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco.

He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Tate Gowen, Saco; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Utman, Ocean Park; a brother, Harry W. Gowen, Biddeford; three grandchildren and a niece.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Bennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

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Arthur W. Andrews Marks 95th Birthday

Arthur W. Andrews of 79 Middle St., Saco, was equal to the occasion when neighbors and friends had a surprise drop-in

to celebrate his 95th birthday Saturday evening.

A shower of gifts was presented to him. He also received a number of cards.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pinkham, Weston, Mass., were the host and hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw and Miss Dorothy Lamson.

A large birthday cake, given by Miss Martha Wilson, of Kittery, and a bouquet of sweetheart roses were the centerpiece of the decorated dining table.

Those attending were: Mrs. Aldie Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cranshaw, Mrs. Florence Bridges, Mrs. Ann Twohey, Mrs. Marjorie Nutter, Mrs. Elsie Lane, Mrs. Ethel Hale, Mrs. Alice Roy, Mrs. Grace Birgar, Miss Dorothy Lamson, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pinkham of Weston, Mass., and the guest of honor, Arthur Andrews.

Portland, Maine, Monday Morning, November 18, 1963

HARRY L. MERRILL

BIDDEFORD—Harry Leroy Merrill, 87, a descendant of one of the area's pioneer families

died Sunday at a local hospital after a long illness. The Merrill family migrated to Newburyport, Mass., in 1630.

He was born at Scarborough Dec. 9, 1875, son of Liver and Etta Knight Merrill.

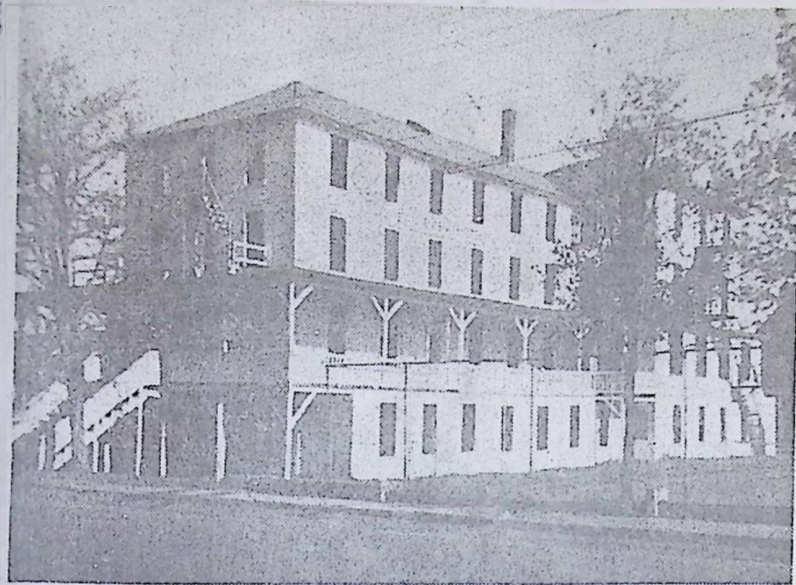
Following his marriage in 1900 to the former Harriet Ham, Mr. Merrill was employed by the Maine Central Railroad until he set up his own wholesale and retail candy manufacturing business. He and his wife purchased the Lookout Hotel in Ogunquit in 1908 and had operated it ever since. He gave up his ice cream and candy store several years ago.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Malcolm H. of Ogunquit; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from 365 Main St., Saco, with the Rev. Edmund Beal officiating. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Friday, March 20, 1964
Miss Lillian Chapin



Jakeman Photo

Old Landmark Doomed By Progress

Ocean Park Hotel Being Razed For Modern Motel

OCEAN PARK — The 80-year-old 44-room Ocean Park Hotel, now being razed by a local wrecker, will soon join the parade of old-time State of Maine resort hostels currently giving way to luxury motels and other modern accommodations. The project is scheduled for completion by Jan. 1.

Opened for the season in 1883 by Mrs. Harriett A. Estes of Concord, N.H., at one time the place was appropriately called the Granite State Hotel. Frank H. Thurston, a Bates College graduate, acquired the property in 1911, and it remained in the family until purchased this past summer by Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert M. Jakeman of Ocean Park. This was the first season the place was not in operation.

In the heyday of such hotels, this was considered one of the best. Uniformed bellhops met the local trains, an orchestra played afternoons and evenings, and the table was known far and wide for its excellent food. The Ocean Park summer post office was located on the ground floor for many years until it was used for the last time in 1945. Electric lighting was introduced in 1903. Stables during the early days were provided for the horses of hotel guests who drove their carriages to the Park.

Ocean Park is nationally known as a Chautauqua-style summer assembly center, and the centrally located hotel was long the headquarters for the talent who appeared on the platform of the historic Tem-

ple auditorium.

The Ocean Park Hotel has always been the largest guest house at Ocean Park, occupying three of a block of four lots on Temple Avenue. The demolition procedure has attracted considerable attention this fall, and 1964 summer visitors to the community are going to miss the familiar landmark. No plans have been announced by the new owners to replace the old structure.

Miss Chapin was a 50-year member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, and a member of the North Saco Farm Bureau and Saco Extension Association groups.

Surviving are one brother, Francis D. Chapin, Saco; one sister, Dr. Josephine M. Chapin, Iowa City, Iowa; and several cousins.

The Shumway Funeral Home, 15 Spring St., Saco, has charge of arrangements, which are as yet incomplete and will be announced later.

Interment will be in Forest Hills Cemetery, Jonesboro.

ALLEN R. STACKHOUSE

WELLS — Allen R. Stackhouse, 70, a builder and contractor, died Tuesday morning in a Kittery Hospital.

He was born in Malden, Mass., Nov. 24, 1893, son of George and Alice Raymond. He was educated in Cambridge schools and attended Wentworth Institute.

Mr. Stackhouse was a charter member of the Maine Law Enforcement Association, and its York County Chapter. He was a member of the Wells Corner Fire Department and the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Lions Club, serving the latter as treasurer 16 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Stacy Stackhouse.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday from 67 Summer St., Kennebunk, The Rev. W. Vinton Murphy of the Second Congregational Church of Wells officiating. Interment will be at Hampton, N.H.

Thos HOOPER, (see p. 3)

He went to work at the Saco Post Office where he remained until his retirement several years ago.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco; Saco lodge, F and AM, serving as master in 1920-21; York chapter, Royal Arch Masons, serving as high priest in 1922; was master of the Maine council, Saco, in 1930-31; commander in 1926-27 of Bradford commandery, Knights Templar, Biddeford; in 1934-35 he was deputy grand master of the 19th Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Maine; and grand master of the Grand council in 1940. He was also a member of the Maine Council of High Priesthood; the Past Officers association Square and Compass club, Sanford; Maine Convale, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Biddeford; and King Court, Order of the Amaranth, Saco.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marcia (Hill) Hooper, Saco, and a sister, Miss Maude Ross, Washington, D. C.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

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Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1963

WALTER G. JOHNSON

BIDDEFORD — Walter Garfield Johnson, 83, of 15 Orchard St., died early Monday morning at a local hospital.

He was born here Aug. 24, 1880, son of George A. and Mary Gray Johnson. He was educated in the local public schools.

Mr. Johnson was employed at the Biddeford Post Office many years, retiring 21 years ago. He was a 50-year member of Dunlap Lodge, AF and AM, and the Jefferson Street Baptist Church.

His brother, Charles Johnson of this city, died Sept. 17.

Surviving are three nephews, Frank, Alvin and Paul Johnson, all of this city and five nieces, Mrs. Robert Hunter and Mrs. Elsie Butler, both of this city, Mrs. Edna Thompson of Saco, Mrs. Milton Emmons of Easley, S.C., and Mrs. George Roussin of Old Orchard Beach.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Tues., December 14, 1965

Deaths

Mrs. Abigail Flood

Mrs. Abigail Vaughan Lamphere Flood, 98, a life-long resident of Biddeford, died yesterday at a Saco convalescent home.

Born April 23, 1867 in Biddeford, she was the daughter of Lorenzo D. and Miriam Lamphere Mitchell, and attended the Foss Street Methodist Church, Biddeford. From 1912 to 1934 she operated Flood's Shore Dinner House on the site of the present St. Francis College.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. German Gross, Fortunes Rocks; one grandson, Leslie Thomas, South Deerfield, Mass.; two great-grandsons; and one nephew, Leslie L. Rankin, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Shumway Funeral Home, 35 Spring St., Saco, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Biddeford. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 3:30 to 9 p.m.

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Commercial Street Built To Link Rail Terminals

Motorists who have cursed the railroad tracks on Commercial Street should be reminded that the street was built for the trains.

Up to 1850, Portland's present waterfront was water and tideland. Sailing ships moored with their sprits projecting out over Fore Street.

Then it became obvious that a connecting link to the city must be built between the terminals of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad and the Portland, Saco & Portsmouth Railroad. The railroads offered to build a road along the tidewater strip and across the wharves the city would provide the filled-in land.

By 1852 the waterfront had been rebuilt and Commercial Street was born at a cost of \$80,000. The new street was 5,883 feet long, 100 feet wide, with 26 feet in the width of the street for the railroad tracks.

90-Year-Old Member Feted By Ladies Aid

The Ladies' Aid of the South Biddeford Methodist church honored Mrs. Martha Goldthwaite, a member celebrating her 90th birthday yesterday, at the November meeting at the home of Mrs. Linwood Thomas, Guinea Road, Biddeford.

The testimonial was a surprise fete and included a luncheon party and traditional cake-cutting ceremony. The guest of honor was presented gifts including a floral centerpiece presented by the hostess; a shower container of gifts presented by Mrs. Louise Gaffney, in behalf of the Ladies' Aid group; a birthday cake by Mrs. Marion Clark, and a shower of birthday cards and messages.

The program included a "This is Your Life" hour which opened in 1870 when Martha Louisa Haynes was born on November 15, in Roxbury, Mass. She was married to Olin Goldthwaite of Biddeford, June 15, 1896, and she moved to the Pool road in 1900, where she has made her home since.

Active in club, church and civic groups, Mrs. Goldthwaite was valued as one of the most vigorous workers for the Ladies Aid and the South Biddeford Methodist church, where she attends services every Sunday.

This year she attended the annual Policemen's ball in Biddeford and danced the last waltz of the evening.

Weekly Shopping Trips
She comes to town for weekly shopping trips and frequent visits to the hairdresser and makes the trips alone, riding the bus that serves the residents of that area. The cake-cutting ceremony followed the entertainment and Mrs. Leona Johnson, who had been present for many years as a guest, had a surprise drop-in of the area's prominent

Mrs. Martha Goldthwaite

Leona Johnson, Mrs. Ella Piper, Mrs. Inez Johnson, Mrs. Ethel Collomy, Mrs. Jean Goldthwaite, Mrs. Louise Gaffney, the Misses Elizabeth and Addie Piper, Mrs. Helen Norwood, Mrs. Dorothy Peck and daughter, Deborah, Mrs. Olive Gross, Mrs. Clara Ledoux, Mrs. Marion Clark, Mrs. Abbie Armstrong, Mrs. Ina Doyle, Mrs. Fanne Gross, Mrs. Shirley Gross and daughter, Eileen, Mrs. Nellie Norwood, Mrs. Thomas, the hostess, and four special guests, Mrs. Helen Garside, Mrs. Mary Curtis, Mrs. Alice Tyndale and Mrs. Cecille Eaton.

A business meeting followed the birthday celebrations when the group voted \$10 to the Salvation Army and to provide flowers for the South Biddeford church for the Thanksgiving Eve service.

Final plans for the November 19 rummage and food sale were completed yesterday by Mrs. Leona Peck, general sale chairman, who announced Mrs. Ella Piper will have charge of the white elephant table and Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Gaffney of the food table. All members of the group will serve as assistants on the combined fund-raising projects, she reported.

Hostesses for the November 30 meeting in Siloam hall will be Mrs. Ella Piper and Mrs. Norwood. It was announced by the president, Mrs. Marion Clark, who conducted the session and awarded the mystery prize to

Mrs. Anna Tremblay, Mrs.

Portland, Maine, Press Herald,

Monday, Nov. 18, 1963

EZRA C. WAKEFIELD

BIDDEFORD—Ezra Clement Wakefield, 72, of 489 Elm St., died Sunday morning at a Boston hospital.

He was born here Aug. 30, 1891, son of Clark and Nellie Bradbury Wakefield.

Mr. Wakefield was graduated from Biddeford High School, attended business college in Portland and from an early age was associated with his father in the Clark Wake-

field and Son roofing contractors. Since 1937 he had owned and operated the business.

He was a member of Laconia Lodge, IOOF, Dunlap Lodge F. and A.M.; Adah Chapter, OES, Biddeford and Saco Elks, the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Lillian Bradbury Wakefield; a son, Raymond C., three grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Millard Neal, all of Biddeford.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from 365 Main St., Saco. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

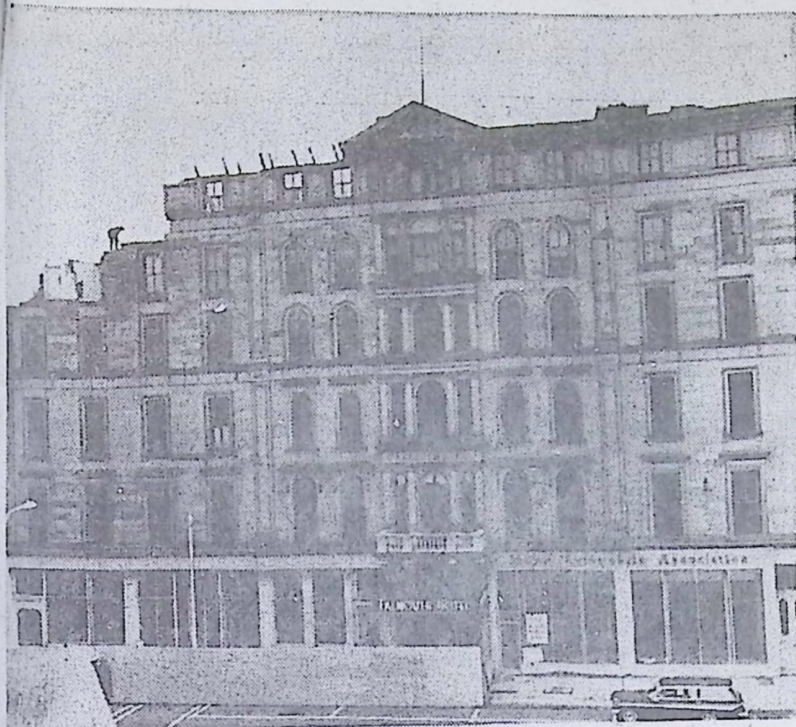
ONCE UPON A TIME...



International Transportation

Crossing the St. John River between New Brunswick and Maine was no simple task several decades ago when this cable-drawn ferry operated from a point near St. David to Ed-

mundston, N.B. But now it's a matter of seconds on the big International Bridge between Madawaska and Edmundston. (Submitted by Clarence S. Dwyer, Tenants Harbor)



By Staff Photographer Olson

Falmouth Hotel Nears The End

95-Year-Old Falmouth Hotel Facing Dismantling In Brick-By-Brick Process

By C. HASTY THOMPSON
Staff Reporter

The 95-year-old Falmouth Hotel is coming down the way it went up — brick by brick.

Yellow-helmeted workers with wrecking bars sit astride the wall on the sixth story unconcernedly and pick away at the shell which housed a colorful segment of Maine history.

Portland was taking giant steps of recovery from the devastating Great Fire of 1866

THE FALMOUTH fought hard to remain a landmark, and as late as 1954, four years before it was closed, \$20,000 was spent to refurbish the ballroom, scene of countless gay parties.

The city was growing in other directions, however. Traffic congestion, a lack of parking space and suburban motels were among the factors which led to an end of hospitality after some 33,000 nights.

Staples' wish of 33 years ago was "here is hoping that the Great Palace Hotel of 1868 may endure as the type and arbiter of that age, good for centuries, the symbol of the Hotel that grows better and better while it grows no older . . . for there are some who prefer the mellow touch of old friendship to the garish modernity of the extremely new."

His hope was not to be. Each day more of the 200 rooms are opened to harsh daylight and clouds of plaster and mortar dust obscure the empty corridors.

2 Portland, Maine, Press

Herald, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1964

William L. Walker Of Saco Is Dead; Former Banker

SACO — William Lewis Walker, 50 Foley Ave., prominent in area banking many years, died Monday at an Augusta hospital.

He was born at Waterboro, son of Eugene W. and Mary Morrill Walker. He was a graduate of Waterboro High School and Gray's Business College at Portland.

Mr. Walker was office manager at R. E. Cleaves Lumber Co., in Portland several years. He was assistant treasurer of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution 1925-41 and treasurer from 1941 until retiring in 1960. While treasurer, a branch of the institution opened at Old Orchard Beach. He had been a trustee of

Thornton Academy, treasurer of the home corporation at the Owen Davis Post, American Legion, Saco; treasurer of the York County Children's Aid Society, the Wardwell Home, Pine Tree Humane Society, and City of Saco Trust Funds and was president of the Maine Savings Bank Association from 1947-1949.

Mr. Walker was active in the Saco United Baptist Church where he was a former deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school.

He was a member of Hiram Lodge, F and AM, of South Portland, York Royal Arch Chapter, Maine Council, Bradford Commandery, Kora Temple Shrine, Annette Chapter, OES, and the Owen Davis post. He was a World War I veteran.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marguerite Hamilton Walker; three daughters, Mrs. Edgar A. Parsons of Chapel Hill, N.C., Mrs. Charles Graff of Aiea, Hawaii, and Mrs. Edwin H. Sample of Longmeadow, Mass.; a brother, Ralph M. of Gorham; a sister, Mrs. Mabelle Carpenter of Limerick, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Biddeford-Saco Journal, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1962

Saco Gets Bequest For School Prize In English

A bequest of \$500 to the City of Saco was contained in the will of Charles L. Pennell of Saco, allowed during the December term of York County Probate court at Alfred. This is to known as the Lottie L. Pennell fund, the annual income to go to "the pupil who shall have attended all the grade schools of Saco and who shall have received the highest average rank in English in all all grades up to graduation."

The residue of the Pennell estate was bequeathed to Columbian lodge, IOOF, Kingston Plains, N.H., to be known as the Charles L. Pennell fund to be used "for the care and comfort of worthy brothers." The estate is estimated at \$9000. Clyfton Hewes was nominated as executor of the will, which was made on February 19. Pennell died on November 14. He requested his executor to destroy all pictures of himself and his deceased wife and son that might be found on the premises of his home, Alfred S. Bradford, Biddeford, will make the appraisal.

The will of Emily S. Tomlinson, Saco, who died on October 20, was also allowed. Miss Dorothy Lamson, Saco, was nominated executrix of the will made on June 8. Personal effects only were left to Kathryn S. Tomlinson, sister-in-law, Woodbury, Conn., as she had been made beneficiary in certain life insurance policies. The residue of the estate of the estate is to go in equal shares to Ruth, Gerner, Kathryn Ann, Helen Huntington and Timothy Edward Tomlinson, children of said Kathryn Tomlinson, with the last as trustee. The appraisal will be made by Linwood L. Brown of Saco.

Other wills probated were the following—Angelina Bedard, Biddeford, who died October 19, Alcide H. Bedard, executor will make November 1, 1957, appraisal to be made by Kathlyne S. Roberge, Biddeford; Katherine Pollard, Old Orchard Beach, died November 9, Natalie C. Schenck, Washington, D.C., neice, executrix will make May 10, 1957, Lloyd P. LaFountain, Biddeford, to appraise. John A. Snow, Jr., appointed agent in Maine; Louise W. Gray, Wells, died July 24, Fred A. Gray, executor will make January 15, 1960, Isabel L. Perkins, Wells, to appraise the estate.

Under the will of Mary C. Lincoln, Wells, who died November 6, Harry C. Lord and Marion Lord, Wells, executors, \$500 was bequeathed Margaret Crich, sister-in-law, of Stratford, Ontario, Canada. A lot in Pinelawn cemetery, Babylon, N. Y., was left to Bradley T. Lord, Berkley, N. J., and the residue to a brother, Ernest J. Crich of Wells. Isabel L. Perkins will also appraise this estate.

The estate of Emma F. Boynton, Old Orchard Beach, who died July 24, goes to relatives in

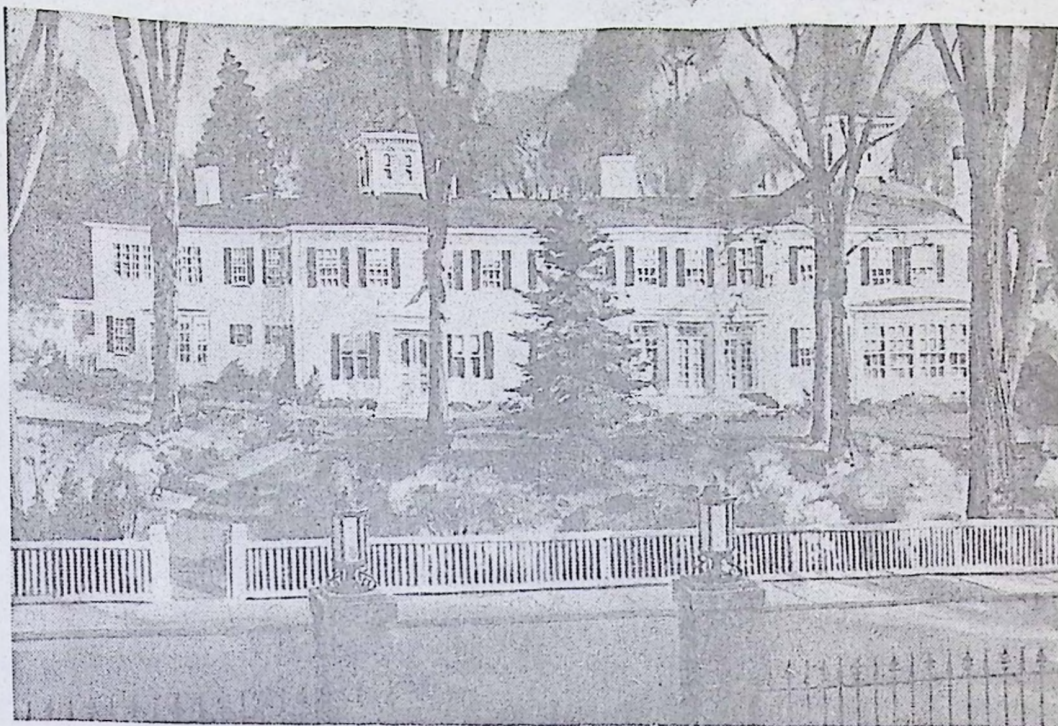
Waltham, Mass., \$250 each to great grandsons, David B. Garon and Frederick C. Lord, 3rd., and the residue to a son, Guy L. Boynton, and a granddaughter, Olive B. Garron, in equal shares. The son, Guy, was nominated executor of the will made April 17, 1950. Robert M. York, Old Orchard Beach, has been appointed agent in this state, and David C. Shaw, Biddeford, will appraise the property. Also probated was the will of Fred A. Sawyer, Saco, who died October 21, Flora M. Sawyer, executrix. Under this will made December 8, 1930, the entire estate goes to the widow. It will be appraised by Warren P. Stuart of Hollis. Another was that of Alice D. Smith, Kennebunk, who died on November 15, Lendall A. Smith and Evelyn L. Smith, executors and beneficiaries in equal shares. Norris I. Stephens, Kennebunk, will make the appraisal.

Carl G. Welz, Sr., Cat Mousam road, Kennebunk, was bequeathed her entire estate by Rebecca M. Welz, who died on September 21, 1961. A daughter, Indiana M. Lindsay, who signs her name, Marion W. Lindsay of Hamden, Conn., was nominated executrix of the will made March 28, 1960. Chester D. Cram, Kennebunk, has been made agent in Maine and the property will be appraised by Robert R. Stinson, Kennebunk.

The foreign will of Edward F. Ring, also known as Frank E. Ring, who died April 20, Harriett M. Ring, Swampscot, Mass., widow, was nominated executrix. The will was made August 31, 1955. Lionel D. Turcotte, South Berwick, will appraise the estate and James H. Titcomb, Sanford, was made agent in this state. This was one of the wills allowed by Acting Judge Robert T. Smith of the Oxford County Probate Court during the absence of Judge John B. Roberts on December 11.

Atty. Margaret Currie of Saco was appointed agent in Maine in the \$400,000 estate of Eliza Huger Kammerer of Charleston, S.C., First National of South Carolina, G. Fraser Wilson and Albert Simmons, Jr., all of Charleston, executors of will dated April 5, 1958 and codicils of February 26, 1959 and June 7, 1960. Appraisal of the property in York County will be made by Bernard C. Brown, Saco.

Petitions for filing three wills were granted. Atty. Daniel E. Crowley filed the will of Edward T. Gamston, Old Orchard Beach, who died November 2, stating "so far as is known no property will pass under this will dated May 15, 1957." Alma Fournier, Biddeford, was permitted to file the will of Joseph Fournier who died November 27 since there were no assets to be distributed. Rena M. Paraday, Saco, executrix of the will of Lettie Maud Armstrong, Saco, who died November 9, was also allowed to file the will as there was no prop-



Blaine Mansion Watercolor

This watercolor of the Blaine Mansion in Augusta by Gene Klebe of Bristol was painted for the cover of a new booklet now being given to visitors to the governor's residence. The Department of Economic Development brochure is in post card style, designed by Mrs. Jeanne Blaisdell of the DED and contains photos of seven of the mansion's 28 rooms.

The pictures include the state dining room, drawing room, family dining room and sun room. The house was built in the early part of the 19th century and was the home of James G. Blaine, statesman and presidential candidate in 1884. Blaine's grandson, Walker Blaine Beal, presented the mansion to the state in 1919.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1964
BIDDEFORD-SACO, MAINE

Byron N. Moore

Byron N. Moore, 85, of 28 Locke St., Saco, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. Born in Biddeford, Oct. 7, 1878, he was the son of Dayton T. and Nellie (Newcomb) Moore.

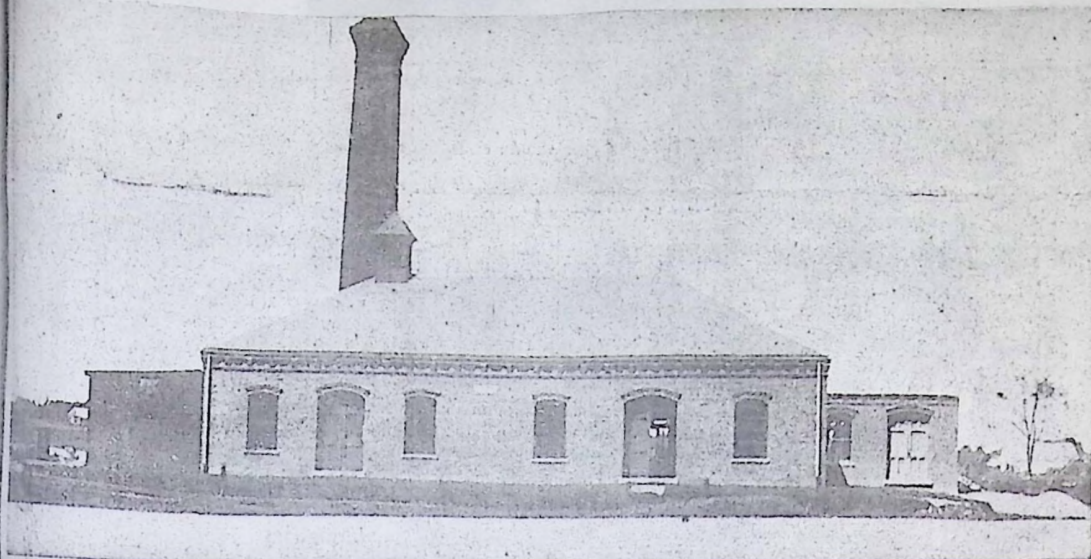
He graduated from Biddeford High School and attended the University of Maine. He was employed as a civil engineer for a number of years and was later in the Insurance firm of D. T. Moore and Son, Biddeford. He was a member of Saco Lodge F. and A.M.; a 32nd degree Mason a member of Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston and a member of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) Biddeford.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lulu Burdge Moore; one son, Philip B. of Troy, N.Y.; one sister, Mrs. Lawrence E. Willard, Saco; two brothers, Robert and Roger Moore, both of Saco; four granddaughters; three great grandsons; three nephews and one niece.

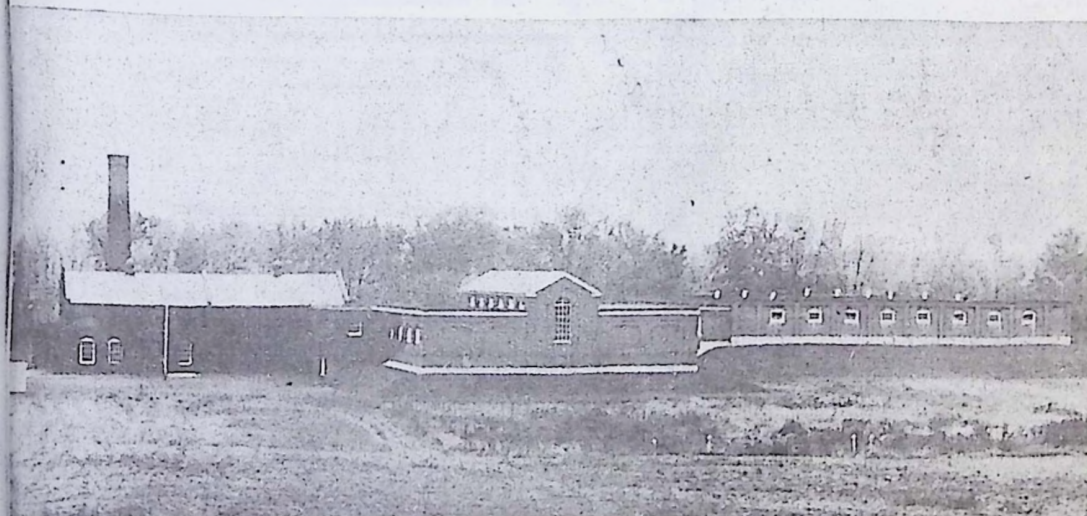
Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Clayton Funeral Home, Philadelphia, N.J. with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale, N.J. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main St., Saco, Tuesday evening.

He served for a number of years in the drum corps.

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Pumping station as it appeared shortly after construction



Station as it appears today, with newer sections at center, right

Water Company Had Start In 1881

By JOANNE RUMERY

There's water, water everywhere and many a drop to drink at the Biddeford and Saco Water Company's pumping station on the Hollis Road, Biddeford. This red brick, ivy-colored plant provides the stuff of life for local homes and industries through a maze of mains approximately 151 miles in length. In 1881, through the efforts of local people, a charter was obtained from the state to establish a water company to serve York County communities. Three years later the original station, in the form of a steam plant, was built to pump water from Biddeford only. Foresight was shown by those early planners with the installation of a 20-inch pipe, still being used today. Saco was added to the system, via a 24-inch pipe. This too is still in use. Then came the addition of Old Orchard Beach in the early 1900's and finally, Ocean

The original station of this water, stockholder owned com-

pany was operated until 1936 and pumped about two million gallons daily. Upon completion of the present enlarged and modernized plant, the output was upped to a daily average of about four million gallons, with a summer production of approximately seven million. The station has a daily capability of nine million gallons, which, according to Harry M. Wooster, treasurer and general manager, is enough to handle public needs for another 20 or 25 years.

Despite the size of the installation, a crew of six handles all phases of maintenance and in the past seven years the station has not been out of operation more than one-half hour. The buildings are floodproof and even submerged at the highest flood level yet recorded, the plant could continue to provide pure water for the system. The plant, distribution system and storage facilities are so designed that additions can be made as required without major alter-

tations to the basic plan of operation.

Water is drawn from the Saco River through two 24-inch cast iron pipes by a pair of pipes equipped with 60-horsepower motors. One pump, because it will suck up all sorts of material including bricks, is called a trash pump.

Chlorination is the first step in purification, a process which takes about four hours. Approximately 75 pounds of chlorine are added to each 32 million pounds of water. Next is the addition of liquid alum and lime — the lime to make water alkaline and prevent corrosion of piping throughout the system — and the water containing these materials is then mixed through a series of wooden baffles to produce proper chemical conditions necessary to make an alum flock. This is a formation which attracts color, impurities and bacteria and then settles to the bottom of a 16-foot basin. Once the flock is formed, more lime is added to make the water neutral. The

top two feet of water then travels through a 30-inch bed of white sand and on to eventual consumption.

Throughout the entire operation hourly water samples are taken and tested in the station's laboratory. Each move through the process of purification is recorded, thus providing the means for a step-by-step checkup. Samples of water from all parts of the system are tested weekly.

On the walls of this room are telemeters which record, through signals sent by private telephone line, the depth of water at the time of each transmission, in standpipes at Five Points, Biddeford, and Pine Point, Scarborough.

A 9½ million gallon electric pump with a 350 horsepower motor performs the final task of pushing the water into the transmission mains. Two auxiliary pumps of six million gallons capacity each are ready for use in case of emergency.

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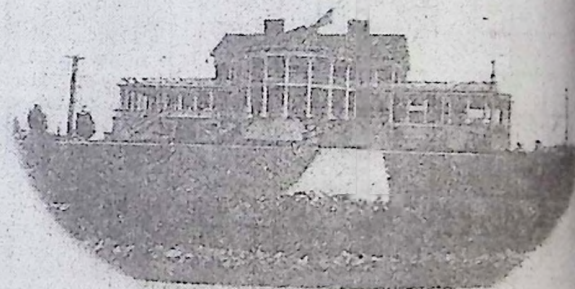
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Portland, Maine, Press Herald, Tuesday, Oct. 1

Your Bid!

A bridge fan might be distracted trying to bid from this hand, but it's from a deck of cards that many a person would like to hold for keeps! Mrs. John Alden of Preble St., South Portland, lent us the deck because she thought many folks would be interested in the scenes. The souvenir playing cards include scenes of the White Mountains in New Hampshire as well as old Portland landmarks, familiar to many.

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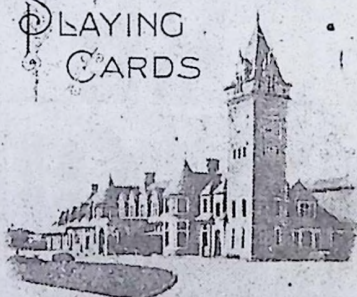
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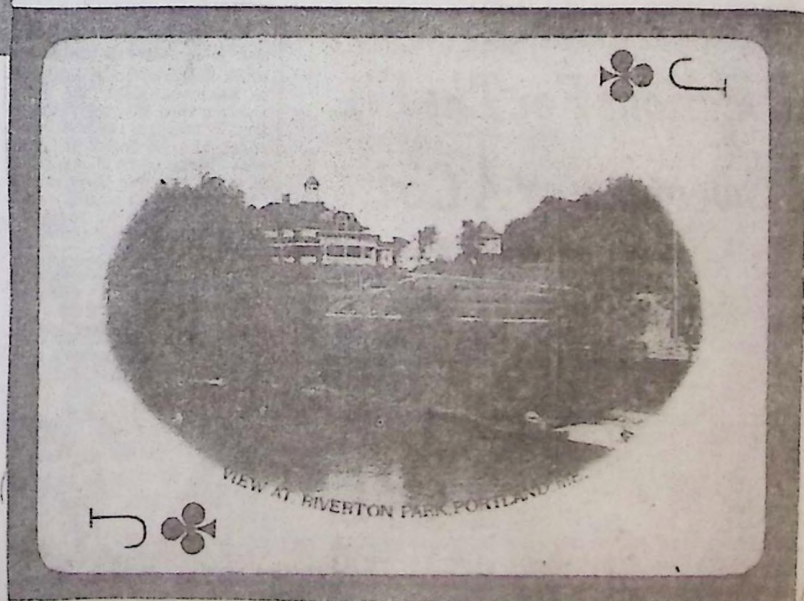
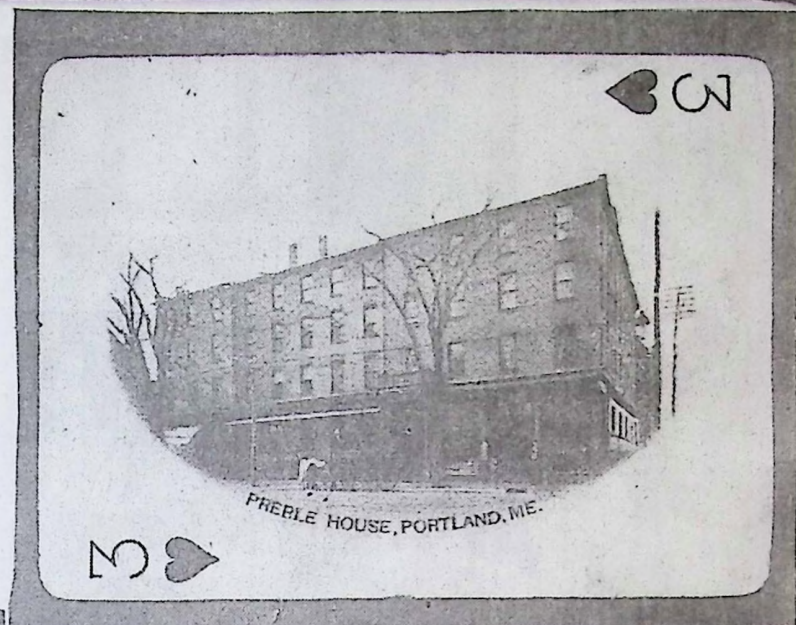
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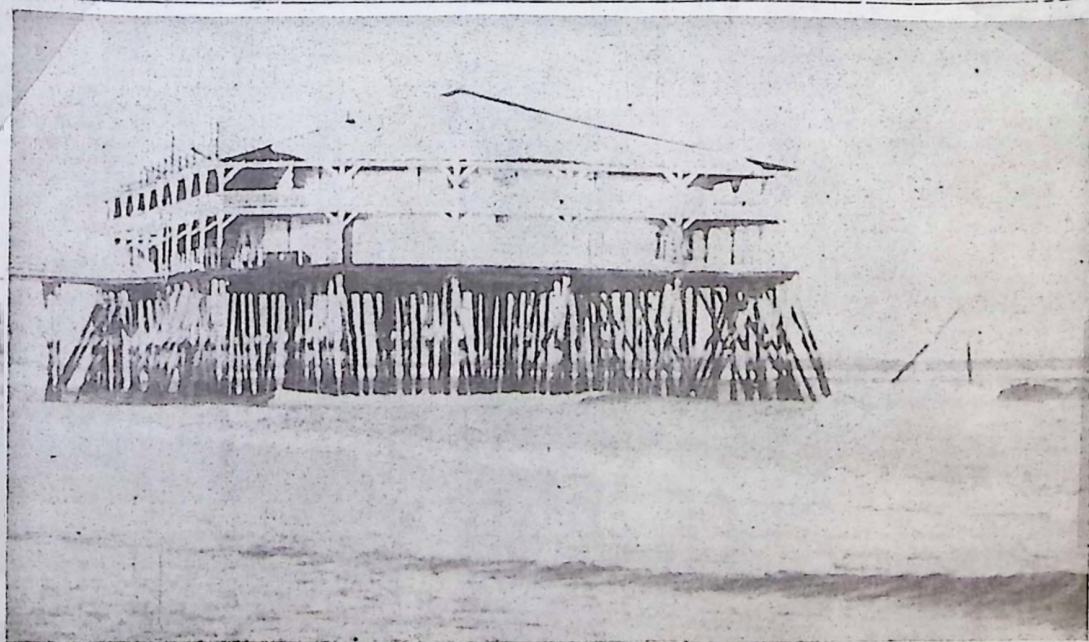
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Right, two members of the committee in charge of the open house make final arrangements with the ladies. Left to right, Miss Ellen Lawrence, Mrs. George Zink, tea chairman, Miss Lizzie Floyd, Miss Ethel Peck and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, member of the committee. (Perkins Photos)



THE PILING at the far right is all that is left of the extension of the pier at Old Orchard Beach, which had seen many uses over the years. It was on the extension that movie screens were set up and later there was a concession stand. The extension was carried away during a storm last week.

February 10th
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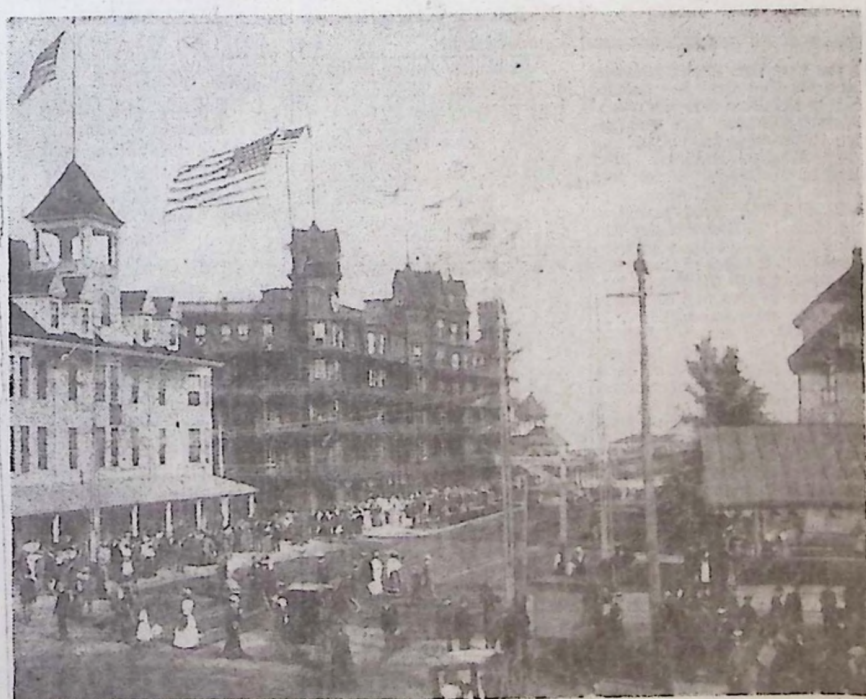


Center, several of the ladies chat together about Monday's festivities. Left to right, Mrs. Inez Twambly, Miss Melbil Meeds and Mrs. Ella Morse.



Portland, Monday Morning, August 3, 1953

ONCE UPON A TIME...



"Velvet Hotel and Pier, Old Orchard, Me." is the title of this postal card picture, loaned by Clarence J. Dwyer, Tenants Harbor. Edwin Dixon, Old Orchard Beach, supplies the information that the Velvet was built in 1898 and named for the Velvet kisses which had been popularized there by a Mr. Hildreth, his pet monkey, and a parrot that frequently told his customers, "Go to hell!" The Velvet, Dixon recalls, burned down in 18 minutes on Aug. 15, 1907, after curtains caught fire when a woman was curling her hair. A minister was killed when a soda fountain tank exploded, and another person also died in the blaze.